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Back to School 2020:

New additions and construction projects open this school year

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS), the largest school system in Georgia, will begin the new school year with several new additions to existing buildings. The additional classrooms and other improvement projects are part of the district's comprehensive capital program funded by the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) and General Obligation (GO) Bonds. These projects that are part of a comprehensive capital program that provides learning environments focused on the needs of today's learners.

Additions/Renovations for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- **Brookwood High School**— A new two-story addition consists of 66,284 square feet and 43 classrooms. It increases the school's capacity from 2,550 to 2,975 students. School renovations included constructing updated art labs, a new robotics lab, an engineering academy, an entrepreneurship academy and an AVTF academy. In addition, a new fire alarm system, intercom system, and generator were installed and the school was re-carpeted.
- **Parkview High School**— A new two-story addition was added to the school, consisting of 27,297 square feet and 20 classrooms. The addition increases the school's capacity from 2,500 to 2,900 students. Renovations included new HVAC systems, new roofing, new carpet, new fire alarm system, new intercom system, and a new generator.
- **Berkeley Lake Elementary School (Duluth Cluster)**— A new two-story addition was added to the school adding 40,151 square feet and increasing the school's capacity from 975 to 1,250 students. The new addition added 23 classrooms including a new media center. Renovations included converting the existing media center to a new classroom, new STEM and science classrooms, computer lab and administrative offices. A new fire alarm system, intercom system, generator, and carpeting also were installed.
- **Chesney Elementary School (Duluth Cluster)**— A new two-story addition added 35,606 square feet, increasing the school's capacity from 1,025 to 1,425 students. The new addition includes 24 classrooms including a STEM classroom, Early Language Computer lab, 2 Pre-K classrooms, and a cafeteria expansion. The school also received a new fire alarm system, generator and intercom system.
- **Artificial Turf**— Artificial turf is being completed at five high schools—Meadowcreek HS, Central Gwinnett HS, Collins Hill HS, Dacula HS, and Mill Creek HS.
- **Track Surfacing:** New track surfaces are being installed at Dacula HS and Collins Hill HS and have been completed at Mountain View HS and Discovery HS.

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is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

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- **Stadium Bleachers:** New visitor side bleachers were installed at Dacula HS. Like the seating they replaced, the new bleachers seat 2,500 people. Other improvements to the Dacula HS stadium include new fencing, concrete paving under the new bleachers, new storm drainage, and new siding on the press box and concessions building.
- **Softball Stadium**— Major modifications are being completed at the softball stadium at Duluth HS, including backstop and concrete paving as well as new bleachers and dugouts. A new septic system and new storm drainage also were installed.
- **Asphalt Paving**— New asphalt paving was completed in parking lots and driveways at 17 schools.
- **HVAC System Replacement**— At nine schools the HVAC systems were replaced with new more energy efficient equipment.
- **Roofing Replacement**— Roofing systems were replaced on buildings at 17 schools and GCPS facilities.

In 2020-21 Gwinnett County Public Schools will operate 141 schools.

- 80 elementary schools (*grades K–5*)
- 29 middle schools (*grades 6–8*)
- 23 high schools (*grades 9–12*), including 19 cluster high schools, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Paul Duke STEM HS; McClure Health Science HS; and Phoenix HS (*open campus school, gr. 10–12, with a satellite campus at Sugarloaf Mills*)
- Other educational facilities:
 - Buice Center, housing ADAPT, STRIVE, and The BRIDGE (*special education programs*)
 - GIVE Center East (*alternative school, gr. 6–12*)
 - GIVE Center West (*alternative school, gr. 6–12*)
 - Gwinnett Online Campus (*online school, gr. 4–12*)
 - International Transition Center (*program at six high school sites—Berkmar, Central Gwinnett, Discovery, Duluth, Meadowcreek, and Norcross*)
 - Maxwell HS of Technology (*career and technical education school, gr. 11 and 12*)
 - Oakland Meadow School (*special education school*)
 - New Life Academy of Excellence (*charter school, gr. K–8*)
 - North Metro Academy of Performing Arts (*charter school, gr. K–5*)

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