

Connect



...with each other ...with our schools ...and with our vision!

Making School Connections: Increasing Support for Public Education and Our Schools

In November, schools across the nation celebrate American Education Week—a week that celebrates public education and the work our schools do to ensure that every child receives a quality education. This year's theme for American Education Week is “*Raise Your Hand for Public Education*.” In Gwinnett County Public Schools, we encourage you to support public education by connecting with our schools— working together to reach our shared goal of graduating students who have the knowledge, skills, and expertise to succeed in college, work, and life in the 21st century.

A simple way to connect is to be aware of key initiatives in your schools and how those initiatives benefit students and will help GCPS reach its vision of becoming a system of world-class schools.

- **Gwinnett Teacher Effectiveness System (GTES):** Great teachers inspire great learning. So the work we are doing to improve instruction will have a direct impact on students and Gwinnett schools.
- **AKS:** GCPS' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum, which is aligned with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards, provides a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn and be able to do. The AKS reflects the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers.
- **eCLASS:** With eCLASS we are transforming how students learn... engaging students in their learning and providing digital tools and resources to help them reach their full learning potential.
- **Leadership Development:** Good leaders connect with students and teachers on a daily basis. They are passionate about their schools, public education, and the positive effect schools can have on students' lives.

These district initiatives are fundamental components of the one “main thing”— our core business of teaching and learning. They are connected! What's more, they are directly linked to the strategic direction outlined in Gwinnett County Public Schools' Strategic Priorities for 2010–2020. However, we need your support to achieve all that we have said we want to do. Working together, we can build a better, stronger Gwinnett County... one whose citizens value public education !



**Raise Your Hand for
Public Education and
Connect with
Gwinnett County
Public Schools!**

**Go online to
www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us
to learn more about these
district initiatives. We hope you also
will take time to answer our
Connect Question of the Month,
sharing with us how you connect
with your local schools.**