

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## A Brief Recap of the Board Meeting & News from Savannah Chatham County Public Schools



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Video highlights from the October 5 Board Meeting from Public Information Manager Sheila Blanco. Click [here](#) to watch.



### Student of the Month Recognized

The Superintendent's Student of the Month for September is Lauren Magwood, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at White Bluff Elementary. Congratulations, Lauren!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSWB748834>



### Superintendent's Professional Senate Report

A report from the latest meeting of the Superintendent's Professional Senate was presented by our Instructional Support Person of the Year.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSW9748832>

### GOOD NEWS FROM SCCPSS!

*Stories you may have missed in the news!*

### SCCPSS Students Awarded Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

sccpss.com, September 12

Nine SCCPSS students representing three high schools have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students

with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service. From New Hampstead High School, Jonathan Nguyen. From Windsor Forest High School, Katelynn Christopher. From Woodville-Tompkins Technical & Career High School Denelia Nisbeth, Edward Scott, Jada Hillery, Jordan Williams, Samuel Huff and Zoey Simmons.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/SCCPSS-Students-Awarded-Academic-Honors-from-College-Board-National-Recognition-Programs.aspx>

### **United Way of the Coastal Empire providing SCPSS with new learning toolkits**

WTOC.com, September 13

The United Way of the Coastal Empire was chosen to get the Language as a Missing Link and Missed Opportunity Champion Award by the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center. Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett said in a news conference Tuesday morning that 71 percent of kids in Chatham County could use help with language development.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/09/13/united-way-coastal-empire-providing-sccpss-with-new-learning-toolkits/>

### **Woodville-Thompkins High School launches student-run credit union**

WTGS, September 26

Some students at Woodville-Thompkins High School were able to open their first bank accounts Monday as part of the soft opening of their student-run credit union. Angie Lewis serves as the executive director for the office of college and career readiness with the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools (SCCPS). She said the new credit union is an example of how the school district uses work-based learning to prepare students for the future.

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/high-school-chatham-county-student-credit-union-angie-lewis-students-financial-literacy-members-first#>

### **All Aboard The Reading Express! Officially Launches With Book Distribution**

Sccpss.com, September 27

Students at Hesse K-8 were among the first students to receive their very own books compliments of the "All Aboard The Reading Express" federal funding grant. On October 1, 2021, SCPSS Department of Academic Affairs was awarded an Innovative Approaches to Literacy Federal Grant to implement the "All Aboard the Reading Express" project to leverage community and school partnerships to enhance literacy opportunities and access to free language-appropriate books for students in the Savannah-Chatham County community.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/All-Aboard-The-Reading-Express!-Officially-Launches-With-Book-Distribution.aspx>

### **SCPSS classroom welcomes familiar face for Georgia Pre-K Week**

WTGS, October 6

It's Georgia Pre-K Week and the Fox28 team visited a Savannah Chatham County Public School System classroom Thursday morning. Georgia Pre-K week is a week-long celebration and provides opportunities for leaders in the community and around the state to visit with and read a children's book to Pre-K students.

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/sccpss-classroom-reading-children-books-community-class-destiny-wiggins#>

## **Savannah Arts Academy Students Fundraise to Attend All American High School Film Festival Competition**

sccpss.com, September 16

Some talented Savannah Arts Academy students have two films selected for this year's All American High School Film Festival! The student films were selected from over 2500 submissions for the best drama and comedy categories.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/Savannah-Arts-Academy-Students-Fundraise-to-Attend-All-American-High-School-Film-Festival-Competition-Next-Month.aspx>

## **Warrior Joe brewing up skills, community**

WTOC, September 29

Thursday is National Coffee Day, and there is no shortage of places to get a cup of joe in Savannah. But there's a new shop at Jenkins High School now off to a great start, and they're serving much more than coffee.

[wtoc.com/2022/09/29/warrior-joe-brewing-up-skills-community/](http://wtoc.com/2022/09/29/warrior-joe-brewing-up-skills-community/)

## **SCCPSS celebrating Ga. Pre-K week, start of Little Acorn Academy**

WTOC, October 4

The Little Acorn Academy is a 3-year-old pre-school program funded by the Equity In Education grant from Georgia Power. For their pilot year, they enrolled 22 students who learn in the classroom at Gould Elementary. The district says this is a great option to not only get the students in the classroom sooner, but also to ease some of the burden of daycare cost and availability, and instead send them to school.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/10/04/sccpss-celebrating-ga-pre-k-week-start-little-acorn-academy/>

## **Graduation Rates for 2021-22 SY Released, SCCPSS Surpasses State Rate for 8th Year**

sccpss.com, October 6

Georgia's high-school graduation rate increased in 2022, rising to 84.1% – an all-time high since the state began using the adjusted cohort calculation now required by federal law, and up from 83.7% in 2021.

SCCPSS achieved a graduation rate of 87.6%, the eighth year in a row that the district's graduation rate has exceeded the state's rate.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/Graduation-Rates-for-2021-22-SY-Released,-SCCPSS-Surpasses-State-Rate-for-8th-Year.aspx>

## **SCCPSS School Nutrition Awarded Golden Radish**

sccpss.com, October 10

Savannah-Chatham School Nutrition Program has been awarded the Golden Radish Award for SY 2020-2021 and SY 2021-2022. The Golden Radish Award is given to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) in Georgia who are doing extraordinary work in farm to school efforts. The Award is presented by the Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Department of Public Health, the UGA Cooperative Extension, and Georgia Organics.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/SCCPSS-School-Nutrition-Awarded-Golden-Radish.aspx>

## OTHER NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING

### National School Lunch Week Proclamation

In recognition of the importance of the SCCPSS School Nutrition Program and the dedicated employees who work tirelessly to provide healthy meals to the students of our great school system, the Board proclaimed the week of October 10-14, 2022, as National School Lunch Week and encourages all residents to join us in this recognition in hopes of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSWL74883D>



### A Resolution Celebrating Former Board Member Lori Brady

A Board Resolution recognizing the contributions of former Board Member Mrs. Lori Brady, who passed away on September 29, 2022, was read into record for adoption by the Board.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJVQKT69B745>

### Savannah Music Festival's Jazz Academy and Musical Explorers Cost Approved

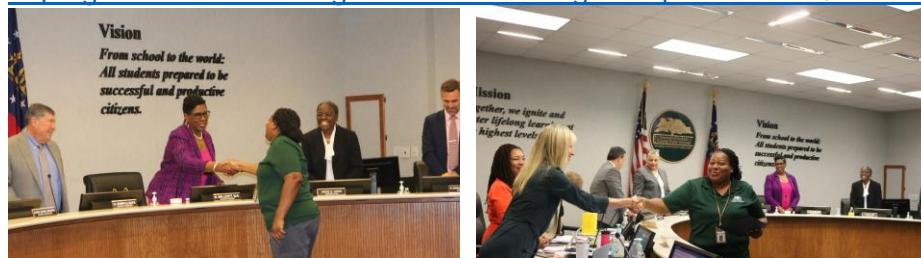
In partnership with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS), the Savannah Music Festival seeks to provide a program that will introduce world-class celebrations of the musical arts by creating timeless and adventurous productions that stimulate arts education in alignment with the teaching and learning goals of the District. The Board approved the cost to award the program services to Savannah Music Festival Jazz Academy and Musical Explorers (SMFJA) for a total cost of \$148,682.00.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSXK748860>

### National Custodial Workers Appreciation Day

In recognition of the importance of the SCCPSS Custodial Staff and the dedicated employees who, for the health and safety of all, work daily to ensure staff and students have clean and safe work and instructional environments, the Board recognized and supports the nationally recognized date of October 2, 2022, as National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day and encourages all citizens to join us and celebrate their daily contributions all through the month of October.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQT6H75D7E9>





## National School Principals Month

The Board celebrates all school principals and asks our entire community to join us in recognizing the month of October 2022 as National School Principals Month! We pay tribute to all school principals for their noteworthy influence on the success and well-being of our students. On behalf of the Board of Education and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, we extend our sincere appreciation for every school principal in our school system and across this nation.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJWJS74E5A14>



## School Bus Safety and Transportation Appreciation Week

In recognition of the importance of the SCCPSS transportation workers who travel millions of miles every year and who work tirelessly to provide safe transportation to the students of our great school system, the Board proclaimed the week of October 17-21, 2022, be observed as School Bus Safety and Transportation Appreciation Week in recognition of the contribution drivers and other school transportation staff make to our public education system.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSWN74883F>



## Building Digital Mapping Bid Approved

The Board approved the award of a \$130,000 contract to Critical Response Group, Inc to provide a digital building mapping application to convert existing maps to a digital platform and identify strategic items such as entry points, Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) locations, classroom and office identifiers, emergency evacuation routes, points of egress, and other critical areas in and around the buildings. Additionally, the final product will integrate with existing digital County E911 programs providing all county emergency response personnel critical building information when responding to an emergency at one of the District sites.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSXL748861>

## **ESPLOST UPDATES**

### **STEM Academy Design Services Contract Approved**

The Board approved a contract with Cogdell & Mendrala Architects, PC for Design Services for the STEM Academy Renovation with a total Design Professional Fee of \$149,000.00.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSXG74885D>

### **Budget Transfer for Replacement School for Bloomingdale**

The Board approved the transfer of funds from EIV Various Accounts to EIV Bloomingdale ES New School Replacement Accounts by request of the Capital Projects Department. A total of \$28,700,000 will be transferred to fund the new school replacement.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJQSXY74886D>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Audit Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 27, 2022 - 8:00 AM

Whitney Administrative Complex- Building G

### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 2

Informal Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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