

# 2023 Retirement



Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

# The Way Forward

*Savannah-Chatham County Public School System*

**Officially Off the Clock**



**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
**The Armstrong Center, Savannah, Georgia**

**Reception 4:30 PM—5:30 PM**  
*Please help yourself to refreshments*

**Retirement Program 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

<b>Musical Selections</b>	—	<b>Savannah Arts Academy Orchestra</b>
<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	—	<b>Jenkins High School Navy JROTC Cadets</b>
<b>National Anthem</b>	_____	<b>Omarrieona Grant</b> Beach High School
<b>Welcome and Recognition of the Board of Public Education</b>	_____	<b>M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.</b> Superintendent of Schools
<b>Presentation of Awards</b>	_____	<b>Kurt Hetager</b> Chief Public Affairs & Administrative Services Officer <b>Ramon Ray</b> Chief Human Resources Officer
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	_____	<b>Ramon Ray</b> Chief Human Resources Officer



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## *Message from our Superintendent*



Colleagues,

Please accept my best wishes on your long awaited and richly deserved retirement from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. I applaud your years of service and achievement with our school district. I am delighted that you have completed your tenure with dedication and grace. I trust your career with us was an enriching experience of work with students, colleagues, and families in our community. All current district employees can be inspired by your loyal service and efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

What I believe matters most is that your retirement ends in an era we will never see again. The school system and the field of education have changed dramatically over the years, and you have been an integral part of that change. Much of our success can be attributed to the efforts of employees like you who have gone above and beyond in making sure our district always moves forward.

May you retire knowing that you made a remarkable contribution and touched the lives of our amazing children and colleagues in boundless ways.

Congratulations on your retirement and the new possibilities that await you! We wish you prosperity and good health in the years ahead.

M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.

# *Special Thanks*



## **The Division of Human Resources**



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## **Other Key Contributors**

**M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Omarrieona Grant**  
Student, Beach High School  
Soloist – National Anthem  
Craig Daughtry, Principal

**Savannah Arts Academy Orchestra**  
Savannah Arts Academy  
Dr. Anna Belue, Principal  
Kevin Pearce, Director of Orchestras

**Naval JROTC, Color Guard Unit**  
Jenkins High  
Heather Handy, Principal  
Russell Burns, Instructor

# *Savannah-Chatham County Public School System*

## **2022-2023 Retirees**

### **A.B. Williams Elementary**

Georgia Davis  
Nancy Neff

### **Academic Affairs**

Deborah Burnette  
Kimberly Hancock  
Sally Miller  
Mel Whitehead

### **Beach High**

Edward Moultrie  
Patricia Saunders

### **Board Office**

Mary Davis-Brown

### **Butler Elementary**

Denise Berksteiner  
Debra Brantley

### **Campus Police**

Andre Jenkins

### **Central Office**

Earnest Simmons

### **Coastal GA Comp Academy**

Kimberley Brewer  
Alphonso Piper

### **Coastal Middle**

James Glenn  
Alicia Harvey  
Dawn Miller  
Margaret Rowland

### **DeRenne Middle**

Patricia Dixon  
Craig Johnson  
Karen Lott  
Mary Morgan  
Walter Myles  
Christopher Willis

### **Ellis K-8**

Susan Torrance

### **Esther F. Garrison School of Arts**

Janet James

### **Exceptional Children**

Deborah Chatland  
Sally Courson  
Shelly Jo Foster  
Robert Speer

### **Garden City Elementary**

Valerie Johnson  
Denise Moon  
Bernice Tukes

### **Georgetown K-8**

Ann Chamberlain

### **Godley Station K-8**

Vernece Singleton

### **Gould Elementary**

Patti Benton  
Dona Williams

**Groves High**

Sharen Ross

**Haven Elementary**

Jennifer Lossing

**Heard Elementary**

Kim Mercer

**Henderson E. Formey Elementary**

Daisy Jones

Beverly Lewis

Jennifer Robinson

**Hesse K-8**

Joan Brookshire

Brenda Cooper

Deborah Lynard

Robin Steplight

April Wright

**Hodge Elementary**

Kimberly Hefner

**Howard Elementary**

Julie Hammer

Lynn Huber

Barbara Oliver

**Hubert Middle**

Ellen Brown

**Human Resources**

Karen Ross

**Islands High**

Renee Brooks

Kelley Jeffries

**J.G. Smith Elementary**

Teresa Dougal

Katherine Ferrell

**Jenkins High**

Nancy Bias-Smart

Patricia Case

Susan Cooper

Shirley English

Linda Graham

Theresa Horace

Ruby Huntley

Natatia Van Ellison

William Walker

**Johnson High**

Jill Miller

Johnny Mincey

**Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Elizabeth Kicklighter

Donna Ward

**Maintenance and Operations**

Gerry Barger

**Mercer Middle**

Naomi Lovett

Michelle Brown

Crystal Cornelius-Mobley

**Myers Middle**

Kimberly Echols

Deborah Major

Paulinda Nnamdi

Rita Williams

**New Hampstead K-8**

Barbara Gregory

Linda Luke

Laverne Perkins

Stephanie Howard

**Oatland Island**

Pamela Keener

Kevin Morley

**Office of the Superintendent**

M. Ann Levett

**Oglethorpe Charter School**

Oralether Jenkins

Cynthia Smith

**Port Wentworth Elementary**

Brenda Thornton

**Professional Learning**

Laura Maes

**Pulaski Elementary**

Terry Brettschneider

Princezell Datts

Anne Griffin

**Savannah Arts Academy**

Amy Durden

Bradley Wallace

**Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy**

Lawrence Butler

Dawn Hadley

**School of Humanities @ JG Low**

Laurie Curlett

Sally Coston

Juliette Ling

Olga Nordenhaug

**Shuman Elementary**

Jennifer Roberts

**Southwest Elementary**

Lisa Grier

**Southwest Middle**

Cheryl Cato

Sonji Leach

**School of Liberal Studies @ SHS**

Cynthia Bostick

Gequetta Jenkins

**The Stem Academy @ Bartlett**

Donnie Allen

Stacy Hall

**Transportation**

Larry Arkwright

Curtis Robinson

Lilla Washington Chisholm

**West Chatham Elementary**

Joan Powell

**West Chatham Middle**

Sheila Weese

**White Bluff Elementary**

Cynthia Hendrix Best

**Windsor Forest Elementary**

Inez Bennett

**Windsor Forest High**

Rachelle Edwards

Roddy Hatch

Betty Jackson

Susan Presley

Denise Rouche

Cynthia Walker

Ann Woodward

**Wings Elementary**

Elouise Maxwell

**Woodville-Tompkins High**

Gwendolyn Scott

# *Administrator Reflections*

## SUPERINTENDENT TRIBUTE

**M. Ann Levett**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Levett is a committed, compassionate, unwavering, strategic, high-level thinker, emotionally intelligent, selfless, creative, accountable, the "employees" superintendent, undeterred, will not shrink, does the best for the kids - always. Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will miss her dedication to our district.

## ADMINISTRATOR TRIBUTES

**Sally Coston**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**School of Humanities at Juliette Low**

Ms. Coston has a true passion to see students, teachers, and just all humankind become successful. She encourages and motivates others to think positive and pushes others to do and be their best, no matter what it looks like. Even during her own challenges, she never wavered, she continued to be a beacon of hope for others. Wishing you a happy retirement!

**Kimberly Hancock**  
**Associate Superintendent**  
**Academic Services**

Dr. Hancock has enjoyed a prestigious career with the district. She has numerous academic and professional affiliations to her credit, and her contribution to the district will be missed. Dr. Hancock's impact to the district is immeasurable and the Savannah-Chatham Public School System thanks Dr. Hancock for her many years of service and wishes her well in retirement.

**Gequetta Jenkins**  
**Principal**  
**School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High**

Dr. Jenkins dedicated her career to making a difference in the lives of the students of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. Dr. Jenkins operated as an administrator in the district and participated in numerous organizations and supported both her staff and colleagues. Congratulations on your retirement!



**Sonji Leach**  
**Principal**  
**Southwest Middle**

Dr. Leech served as principal at A.E. Beach High and Southwest Middle. She also served as Director of School Improvement. Dr. Leech was a personable leader who valued relationship building with all stakeholders. She is one of a kind and we wish her well.

STAFF TRIBUTES

**Donnie Allen**  
**Mathematics Teacher, The Stem Academy at Bartlett**

Mr. Allen is an accomplished math educator. His joy and passion for teaching mathematics was evident every day. Mr. Allen is a colleague who is always willing to provide a helping hand. On numerous occasions, he volunteered to support a fellow staff member. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Larry Arkwright**  
**Shop Foreman, Transportation**

Mr. Arkwright dedicated his 35-year career to ensuring the fleet was safe and operational for student transport. During his career, Mr. Arkwright mentored and supervised more than twenty mechanics. Mr. Arkwright maintained high standards and required the same from his staff and colleagues. Warmest congratulations and best wishes as you head into retirement!

**Gerry Barger**  
**Lead Mechanic, Maintenance and Operations**

Mr. Barger's work ethic and dedication were exceptional. He was always willing to go the extra mile to ensure the best outcome in all situations. Mr. Barger's dedication to Maintenance and Operations will be missed. Mr. Barger was a great worker, and he will be missed.

**Inez Bennett**  
**Teacher, Windsor Forest Elementary**

Mrs. Bennett was an amazing Math teacher. Mrs. Bennett's ability to differentiate instruction, facilitate student enrichment activities and increase student achievement were her best assets. Mrs. Bennett set the standard for other educators with her enthusiasm, drive and personality. The Windsor Forest Elementary family will miss her dearly. Congratulations!

**Patti Benton**  
**Paraprofessional, Gould Elementary**

Ms. Benton was dedicated to supporting her staff and making sure all students worked to their fullest potential. The district is appreciative of her dedication to the students of Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and wish her well in retirement.

**Denise Berksteiner**  
**Teacher, Butler Elementary**

Ms. Berksteiner was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. Ms. Berksteiner worked diligently every day to deliver high level instruction to her students. The district appreciates Ms. Berksteiner's dedication to our students. Ms. Berksteiner was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

**Nancy Bias-Smart**  
**Nurse, Jenkins High**

Nurse Smart developed a good rapport with students and parents while delivering exceptional medical care. Nurse Smart will be remembered for her ability to use humor to encourage others and relax students receiving care. Nurse Smart will be missed greatly by the staff and students at Jenkins High School; however, we know she is looking forward to enjoying her family and friends during retirement.

**Cynthia Bostick**  
**Counselor Clerk, School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High**

Mrs. Bostick served the district with fidelity for many years. During her tenure, Mrs. Bostick impacted the lives of countless students by providing encouragement and guidance. Mrs. Bostick's gentle demeanor and beautiful smile will be missed by staff and students alike. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

**Debra Brantley**  
**Paraprofessional, Butler Elementary**

Ms. Brantley worked diligently to stay in communication with students' parents. Ms. Brantley demanded academic excellence from her students and advocated to provide students with the best resources available. The district will miss Ms. Brantley's drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Terry Brettschneider**  
**Teacher, Pulaski Elementary**

Mrs. Brettschneider was an integral member of Pulaski serving in both general and special education capacities. Mrs. Brettschneider was a devoted educator who encouraged her students to strive for excellence. The district congratulates Mrs. Brettschneider on her retirement.

**Kimberly Brewer**  
**Program Manager, Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy**

Ms. Brewer was a dedicated employee with Savannah Chatham Public School System for many years. The district appreciates her dedication to our students. Ms. Brewer was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Renee Brooks**  
**Paraprofessional, Islands High**

Ms. Brooks was a caring and compassionate educator. Ms. Brooks was dedicated to her students and always wanted the best for each of them. We will miss Ms. Brooks' dedication to her students and wish her well in retirement.

**Joan Brookshire**  
**Student Information Specialist, Hesse K-8**

Mrs. Brookshire was employed at Hesse K-8 for the duration of her 25-year career. Mrs. Brookshire had a passion for her job and enjoyed working with her team. Mrs. Brookshire was blessed with the gift of humor and could be counted on to lighten the space with a joke, dance move, or comment. It's time to show what you know was her favorite quote. Enjoy your retirement!

**Michelle Brown**  
**Health/PE Teacher, Myers Middle**

Ms. Michelle Brown was a wonderful teacher. In all her years of teaching physical education at Myers Middle School, Ms. Brown always represented the spirit of excellence. Ms. Brown had a beautiful spirit and a giving heart. Ms. Brown was affectionally called Coach Brown by students and staff. Ms. Brown will truly be missed by the Myers Middle School family.

**Ellen Brown**  
**SNP Assistant, Hubert Middle**

Ms. Brown was an exceptional worker and a member of the Sunshine Committee. Ms. Brown took pride in preparing nutritious and satisfying meals for all students. Ms. Brown was always prompt, dependable and passionate and ensured healthy meals were served daily. Congratulations.

**Deborah Burnette**  
**Compensatory Program Specialist, Academic Affairs**

Ms. Burnette was an asset to Compensatory Programs and Title I Family Engagement. She worked with school principals and staff to ensure they complied with federal and state regulations. Ms. Burnette provided guidance and support with the site school improvement process, budgets, family engagement, and required documentation. Happy retirement.

**Lawrence Butler**  
**Social Studies Teacher, Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy**

Dr. Butler served the district for many years in various capacities from leadership to classroom instructor. Dr. Butler worked earnestly to ensure academic excellence was always the order of the day. Dr. Butler's empathy for his students and colleagues was always on display and he always went the extra mile to support them.

**Patricia Case**  
**SPED Teacher, Jenkins High**

Mrs. Case will be remembered most for her humor and fun spirit. She knew how to light up a room with her positive energy and fun-loving spirit and knew how to make the most out of any situation. Mrs. Case will be missed tremendously at Jenkins High School. Best wishes for a happy retirement.

**Cheryl Cato**  
**Mathematics Teacher, Southwest Middle**

Ms. Cato exemplified the qualities of an effective teacher and team member; she was knowledgeable, organized, fair, positive, prepared, and patient. Long after her retirement, Ms. Cato will be fondly remembered for her warm demeanor and her dedicated service to the students of Southwest Middle School.

**Ann Chamberlain**  
**Speech Language Pathologist, Georgetown School**

Ms. Chamberlain was a dedicated employee whose innovative spirit served her well. She was always one to push beyond her limit and obtain her goals. Ms. Chamberlain was also willing to assist the department and her coworkers when needed. We will miss Ms. Chamberlain's cheerful and inviting nature.

**Deborah Chatland**  
**Psychologist, Exceptional Children**

Ms. Chatland devoted her tenure to enhancing the lives of children and families with the utmost consideration for fidelity and inclusion. She paved the way for future professionals by requiring mutual respect and ensuring that the focus remained on the students we serve. Deborah Chatland effortlessly guided all who had the pleasure of crossing her path. Congratulations.

**Brenda Cooper**  
**Head Custodian, Hesse K-8**

Mrs. Cooper worked with the district over 35 years supporting the needs of students and faculty as head custodian. Mrs. Cooper opened a new facility that supported 1350 students and maintained a relationship with the families at Hesse K8 school. Mrs. Cooper was always ready to support staff and students with a smile. She will be missed by the Hesse K-8 family.

**Susan Cooper**  
**Paraprofessional, Jenkins High**

Ms. Cooper served the district as a paraprofessional for many years. She was dedicated to making sure all students worked to their fullest potential. The district is appreciative of Ms. Cooper's dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish her well in retirement.

**Crystal Cornelius-Mobley**  
**Social Studies Teacher, Myers Middle**

Ms. Cornelius-Mobley has been an integral part of the team at Myers. Her contributions as an instructor increased the academic rigor for our students and sparked their love for learning. Myers will miss Ms. Cornelius-Mobley and wish her well in retirement.

**Sally Courson**  
**Program Manager, Exceptional Children**

Ms. Courson made great contributions to the Department for Specialized Instruction. She ensured all voices were heard, often under difficult circumstances, all while assisting teams in planning for the services and supports needed to increase achievement and outcomes for students with disabilities throughout the district.

**Laurie Curlett**  
**Administrative Secretary, School of Humanities at Juliette Low**

Ms. Curlett will be most remembered for her kind and loving heart. She worked hard to make sure the school ran smoothly. Ms. Curlett's willingness to support all stakeholders and her ability to keep things in order were her biggest assets. She is the real "boss" of the school.

**Princezell Datts**  
**Custodian, Pulaski Elementary**

Ms. Datts took great pride in keeping Pulaski Elementary safe and sanitized to ensure students had an environment that was conducive for learning. Ms. Datts will be remembered for her hard work, beautiful smile and amazing sense of humor. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Georgia Davis**  
**Paraprofessional, Williams Elementary**

Mrs. Davis has displayed a positive and pleasant demeanor each day with students, parents, and staff members. She has been instrumental in working with students with disabilities and consistently found innovative ways to motivate her learners. Mrs. Davis is loved by all and will be missed.

**Mary Davis-Brown**  
**Secretary to the Board, Board Office**

Mrs. Davis-Brown worked tirelessly to ensure the Board Office operated effectively and efficiently. Known for her professionalism, work ethic, and attention to detail, Mrs. Davis-Brown was a rare gem whose standards never wavered. The Savannah Chatham County Public School System is appreciative of her dedication and wish Mrs. Davis-Brown well in retirement.

**Patricia Dixon**  
**SNP Assistant, Hodge Elementary**

Ms. Dixon served the students of the district as a dedicated paraprofessional and an outstanding foodservice worker. Ms. Dixon enjoyed preparing nutritious meals and could always be depended on to lend a helping hand when necessary. Mrs. Dixon's generosity and kindness will be missed. Congratulations.

**Teresa Dougal**  
**Teacher, Jacob G. Smith Elementary**

Ms. Dougal was a team player with a heart of gold who supported students in our district for many years. Ms. Dougal's dedication to her students and school were pivotal in helping her create a remarkable career. Ms. Dougal will be remembered for her professionalism and high expectations. Congratulations on your retirement.

**Amy Durden**  
**Physics Teacher, Savannah Arts Academy**

Ms. Durden demonstrated her commitment to excellence and her passion as an educator. Ms. Durden was a phenomenal person with a beautiful spirit and smile. She has been a tremendous asset and we will miss her greatly. The Savannah Arts family wishes you the best on your retirement!

**Rachelle Edwards**  
**Economics Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

Ms. Edwards has been a great asset to our staff, students, and school community. Ms. Edwards zeal for education was always apparent and motivated her students to succeed. We will miss her dearly. Congratulations, Ms. Edwards!

**Shirley English**  
**Custodian, Jenkins High**

Mrs. Shirley will be missed by the entire Jenkins High School family. She was nurturing and helpful to everyone and took provide to ensure our facility was spotless! We are grateful for Ms. English's contributions to our school. Congratulations.

**Katherine Ferrell**  
**Teacher, Jacob G. Smith Elementary**

Ms. Ferrell worked diligently to ensure students maximized the instruction that was delivered each day. Ms. Ferrell will be remembered for her ability to communicate with all stakeholders and her passion for teaching and learning. Enjoy retirement.

**Shelly Foster**

**Program Manager, Exceptional Children**

Ms. Foster always kept students at the center of everything she did, whether it was supporting families and parents as they navigated services for the first time or supporting teachers as they developed education plans that helped students achieve their full potential. Ms. Foster's team spirit strengthened relationships across the department. She will be missed.

**James Glenn**

**Engineering Technology, Coastal Middle**

Mr. Glenn has long been revered by his colleges in the district and across the state for his leadership in the Technology field. Mr. Glenn will be remembered by the staff and students for leading the daily "Seahawk Sports and News Show." Every day at 7:40 am he had students produce and deliver the morning news. The Coastal Middle School family will miss him.

**Linda Graham**

**Economics Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

Mrs. Graham's quiet and calm demeanor was always on display. She was always a team player and nurturing to others. Mrs. Graham spent many years dedicating herself to HVJ. We wish her the very best in retirement!

**Barbara Gregory**

**Student Information Specialist, New Hampstead High**

Mrs. Gregory was an integral part of New Hampstead High since its inception. Mrs. Gregory was the most efficient and dedicated information specialist any principal could hope for. Mrs. Gregory is irreplaceable and will be missed.

**Lisa Grier**

**Teacher, Southwest Elementary**

Ms. Grier was an outstanding Kindergarten teacher and team leader and added enjoyment to everyone's day. She went the extra mile to provide instruction that was impact and engaging. We are elated to know Mrs. Grier plans to function as a substitute teacher at SWES in the future!

**Anne Griffin**

**Teacher, Pulaski Elementary**

Ms. Griffin has done an amazing job at Pulaski. She was an excellent classroom teacher and a delightful person with a wonderful sense of humor. Congratulations on your retirement.

**Dawn Hadley**

**School Counselor, E-Learning Academy**

Dr. Hadley always stood ready to provide support to students, parents, administrators, and co-workers in need. During her time here, Dr. Hadley provided support to Islands High School and ensured that everything her supervisors requested was submitted timely.

**Stacy Hall**

**School Counselor, The STEM Academy at Bartlett**

Ms. Hall was an incredible educator and her passion for school counseling showed daily through her interactions with students, parents, and staff. Ms. Hall's bubbly personality and quick/funny wit made her a joy to work with.

**Julie Hammer**  
**Media Clerk, Howard Elementary**

Ms. Hammer was a true and loyal member of the May Howard family. Ms. Hammer's sense of humor, her gift of taking the pen to paper to write poetry, her creativity, and her love for reading and children are forever embedded in our Media Center. Ms. Hammer was a team player, and we wish her all the best that her retirement has to offer.

**Alicia Harvey**  
**Language Arts Teacher, Coastal Middle**

Ms. Harvey served the district as a teacher for many years. Ms. Harvey was dedicated to making sure all students worked to their fullest potential. The district is appreciative of her dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish Ms. Harvey well in retirement.

**Roddy Hatch**  
**History Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

Mr. Hatch was a dedicated educator who worked well with our seniors. He was always willing to support them as they transitioned out of high school. The Windsor Forest High School family will miss his enthusiasm and dedication to the students. Congratulations.

**Kimberly Hefner**  
**Teacher, Hodge Elementary**

Ms. Hefner was known for being patient and approachable. They say that 'patience is a virtue' and this could not be truer about Ms. Hefner. She was a team player who developed a great rapport with students and parents. Ms. Hefner was a dependable and dedicated individual who put the needs of her students first.

**Cynthia Hendrix Best**

**Paraprofessional, White Bluff Elementary**

Ms. Hendrix Best was a contributing professional in her job as a paraprofessional at White Bluff Elementary. She worked above and beyond the call of duty and exceeded the expectations of her job. We have missed her presence at White Bluff, but we are happy for her and thankful for the time she gave to our school. Congratulations!

**Theresa Horace**  
**School Counselor, Jenkins High**

Ms. Horace will be remembered for her calm and nurturing demeanor. She had an excellent rapport with students, parents, and faculty/staff. Ms. Horace will be missed at Jenkins High School, and we wish her well in retirement.

**Stephanie Howard**  
**Mathematics Teacher, New Hampstead K-8**

Mrs. Howard was a pleasant educator who enjoyed teaching. Ms. Howard has truly made a difference to our students, and we honor the legacy she leaves behind. Congratulations and best wishes on a wonderful retirement.

**Lynn Huber**  
**Paraprofessional, May Howard Elementary**

Lynn worked with our Pre-K children for many years and was passionate about their safety and their ability to learn in the classroom. Everything she did was for the children. She worked hard to ensure that they had a beautiful environment in which to work and learn, and she prided herself on keeping it clean.

**Ruby Huntley**  
**Paraprofessional, Jenkins High**

Ms. Huntley will be missed at Jenkins High School. Her dependable and team player spirit made her an asset to the school. We wish her the best during retirement and knows she will enjoy spending time with her family.

**Betty Jackson**  
**Custodial Worker, Windsor Forest High**

Ms. Jackson was an outstanding custodian. She was always willing to do whatever was needed to get the job done. Ms. Jackson always had a smile on her face, and it was a joy to work with her. Best wishes on your retirement.

**Janet James**  
**School Counselor, Esther F. Garrison School of the Arts**

Mrs. James was someone who cared deeply about her students. She developed collaborative relationships with those staff members she worked closely with.

**Kelley Jeffries**  
**Health/PE Teacher, Islands High**

Coach Jefferies has been committed to the academic and athletic success of the students at Islands High since the school opened. She has coached tennis and volleyball. Ms. Jefferies has a caring and warm spirit.

**Andre Jenkins**  
**Sergeant, Campus Police**

Sgt. Jenkins was instrumental in assisting school administrators with building security matters. The BOEPD will miss Sgt. Jenkins and thanks him for his many years of service.

**Oralether Jenkins**  
**SNP Assistant, Oglethorpe Charter School**

Mrs. Jenkins was a dedicated SCCPSS employee for many years. She ensured the students were served nutritious meals daily. Ms. Jenkins will be remembered for her smile, her eagerness, her determination, and most of all interacting with students and staff.



**Craig Johnson**  
**Science Teacher, DeRenne Middle**

Coach Johnson worked at DeRenne for the last 10 years of his career where he served as Social Studies teacher, Athletic Director, Football and Basketball coach. His colleagues describe him as supportive, dependable and tells it like it is. He will truly be missed at DeRenne.

**Valerie Johnson**  
**Paraprofessional, Garden City Elementary**

Ms. Johnson consistently provided dedicated service to the students she served. Her goal as an educator was to do her part in ensuring all students could succeed academically no matter their differences. Ms. Johnson enjoyed seeing the growth in her learners. She will truly be missed.

**Daisy Jones**  
**Paraprofessional, Henderson E. Formey**

Mrs. Jones was an instructional support nominee for classified staffing in 2022. She also participated in various after school activities. MRS. Jones will be greatly missed b not only the students but the staff as well. She is a constant smiling face and a help to all.

**Pamela Keener**  
**Environmental Resources, Oatland Island Education Center**

Ms. Keener is a natural teacher who inspires a sense of wonder and desire to learn in students. She was our fieldtrip scheduler and coordinator of our Halloween Hike, Oatland's most popular public event for over 25 years. It was her continued dedication to this event that turned it into the community favorite that it is today. Ms. Keener will be greatly missed!

**Elizabeth Kicklighter**  
**SNP Manager, Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Mrs. Kicklighter was a fixture in School Nutrition. Her hard work and dedication were the foundation that our department was built on. She was a no-nonsense manager, and I always knew, without question, that she would get the job done.

**Beverly Lewis**  
**Custodial Worker, Henderson E. Formey**

Ms. Lewis has worked for over 17 plus years as the custodian for East Broad Street School. She worked well with our team. She left her mark in every area she worked. Ms. Lewis showed interest in the staff and students at our school.

**Juliette Ling**  
**School Nurse, School of Humanities at Juliette Gordon Low**

Ms. Ling will be most remembered for her gentle, caring spirit and her dedication to the Special Education students at Juliette Low ES. Congratulations Ms. Ling.

**Jennifer Lossing**  
**Teacher, Haven Elementary**

Ms. Lossing served as our Lead Gifted Teacher. During her tenure at Haven, she helped Haven establish our National Junior Beta Club and she also worked with our students in 4th 5th grade to help prepare them for the district spelling. This year, she served as the mentor for our Chinese Mandarin Teacher through our TCLP grant.

**Karen Lott**  
**Band Teacher, DeRenne Middle**

Ms. Lott has provided our school with many wonderful concert, and honor band students. She was passionate about music, loved by her students and will be missed by her colleagues. We will miss her warm smile.

**Naomi Lovett**  
**Custodial Worker, Mercer Middle**

Raider Nation will truly miss Mrs. Lovett's kind words, infectious smile, and warm morning greetings. Her positive spirit, and musical entertainment in the evenings as she graced the front office and school hallways prior to dismissal. Mrs. Naomi Lovett is a true champion for Mercer Middle School, and we wish her the best in retirement.

**Linda Luke**  
**Secretary, New Hampstead High**

Ms. Luke worked diligently and always welcomed visitors with a smile. She was an important member of our office staff ensuring our school ran smoothly each day. We will miss her contribution to our school.

**Deborah Lynard**  
**SNP Assistant, Hesse K-8**

Ms. Lynard worked hard to ensure the school cafeteria ran smoothly and provided the students and staff with exemplary service. Hesse thanks Ms. Lynard for her service and dedication. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Laura Maes**  
**Professional Learning Specialist, Professional Learning**

Ms. Maes was a dedicated employee whose innovative spirit served her well. She was always one to push beyond her limits and obtain her goals. Ms. Maes was willing to assist the department and her coworkers when needed. We will miss her contributions to the team.

**Elouise Maxwell**  
**Paraprofessional, Wings Program at East Broad**

Ms. Maxwell demonstrated a willingness to work with teachers. She developed positive relationships with her co-workers and students. Ms. Maxwell will be remembered for the many kind gestures she displayed to anyone experiencing hardship.

**Kim Mercer**  
**Teacher, Heard Elementary**

Ms. Mercer was a dedicated employee with Savannah Chatham County Public Schools for many years. Ms. Mercer was an advocate for children with and worked hard to provide students with the best resources available. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Dawn Miller**  
**Paraprofessional, Coastal Middle**

Ms. Miller was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. Ms. Miller had the privilege of assisting many teachers during her time with the district. Ms. Miller always maintained a strict focus on education and stressed to her students the importance of operating in excellence. The Coastal Middle School family will miss Ms. Miller and wish her well in retirement.

**Jill Miller**  
**School Counselor, Johnson High**

Ms. Miller was dedicated to her students. Her investment and support to her students were always Ms. Miller's finest quality. The Johnson High family will always remember her upbeat attitude and her love and support for her students. Best wishes of your retirement.

**Sally Miller**  
**Compensatory Program Specialist, Compensatory Program**

Ms. Miller wore many hats while working at SCCPSS. She performed her job in the spirit of excellence, and developed a positive rapport with students, staff, and community stakeholders. She was a true asset to the Compensatory Program family. Congratulations, Ms. Miller!

**Johnny Mincey**  
**Custodian, Johnson High**

Mr. Mincey took pride in making sure our facility was clean and ready for students and staff each day. Mr. Mincey provided hope and encouragement and worked diligently to keep Johnson sparkling clean. We wish him well in retirement.

**Denise Moon**  
**Teacher, Garden City Elementary**

Ms. Moon was an asset to the students and staff at Garden City Elementary School. Her dedication to the growth of students is unmatched. Ms. Moon worked tirelessly to expand the gifted program at Garden City Elementary.

**Mary Morgan**  
**Custodian, DeRenne Middle**

Ms. Morgan ensured our facility was always clean and inviting for all. Ms. Morgan was always willing to help coworkers and was always someone the school could depend on to get the job done. We will miss her and wish her well in retirement.

**Kevin Morley**  
**Supervisor of Operations, Oatland Island Education Center**

Mr. Morley's leadership and unyielding work ethic were apparent daily as he worked hard to ensure Oatland Island was operational and immaculate. Mr. Morley was always willing to assist the department and his coworkers when needed. We will miss Mr. Morley's contribution to our team.

**Edward Moultrie**  
**Art Teacher, Beach High**

Mr. Moultrie served as an exceptional art teacher at Beach High. The students looked forward to creating innovative pieces of art under his supervision. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Walter Myles**

**Engineering Technology Teacher, DeRenne Middle**

Mr. Myles was a dedicated employee with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for many years. The district appreciated his dedication to our students. Mr. Myles was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

**Nancy Neff**

**Health/PE Teacher, A. B. Williams Elementary**

Coach Neff was very innovative in her teaching style and consistently used core academics with physical education a way that students truly enjoyed. She dedicated countless hours, on and off campus, ensuring students received the best possible educational opportunities. We will miss her smile and her true commitment of the students of SCCPSS.

**Olga Nordenhaug**

**Teacher, School of Humanities at Juliette Low**

Ms. Nordenhaug was a dedicated educator who pushed her students toward excellence. She maintained high expectations for her students and worked diligently to find new and innovative ways to make learning fun. Our school will miss her gentle spirit and beautiful smile.

**Barbara Oliver**

**Administrative Secretary, May Howard Elementary**

Ms. Oliver was an outstanding multi-tasker. She managed the day-to-day operations of May Howard with a smile for almost 40 years. Ms. Oliver knows every parent, grandparent, and child who comes through the doors. Ms. Oliver was loved by all who came to May Howard and will be hard to replace. Ms. Oliver was the heartbeat of our school. We love her!

**Laverne Perkins**

**SNP Assistant, New Hampstead High**

Ms. Perkins was dedicated to School Nutrition for 26 years and could problem-solve in the blink of an eye. Without being asked, she would model the proper way to perform a task for new employees and assist veteran employees to ensure all tasks were completed timely. Ms. Perkins had a great sense of humor and will be missed.

**Alphonso Piper**

**Social Worker, Coastal GA Comprehensive Academy**

Mr. Piper made an enormous impact on the students and families of CGCA. His work ethic was unmatched, and he dedicated himself to the well-being and growth of the students he served. Mr. Piper was well informed and had an impressive skillset which allowed him to provide exemplary guidance. Mr. Piper has been a treasure for our program and will be missed.

**Joan Powell**

**Paraprofessional, West Chatham Elementary**

Ms. Powell was a dedicated employee with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for many years. The district appreciates Ms. Powell's dedication to our students. Ms. Powell was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

**Susan Presley**  
**Special Education Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

What I will remember most about Ms. Presley is her dedication to her students and the teachers in her department. Ms. Presley was always willing to step in and provide support. She went above and beyond to ensure students received support through individualized education plans. Congratulations on your retirement.

**Jennifer Roberts**  
**Special Education Teacher, Shuman Elementary**

Ms. Roberts mentored teachers for many years. She also served on the Leadership Team and the Honor Society Committee. Ms. Roberts was caring and compassionate and worked tirelessly to ensure her students were successful inside and outside of the classroom.

**Curtis Robinson**  
**Fleet Mechanic, Transportation**

Mr. Robinson performed job duties in the Transportation Fleet Department and followed Federal, State and District regulations to ensure safe transportation for our students. Mr. Robinson retired from the military after 20 years of service to our country. Mr. Robinson was a dedicated employee that accepted any task to support the department. Best wishes on your retirement!

**Jennifer Robinson**  
**Paraprofessional, Henderson E. Formey**

Ms. Robinson was the sight word expert of our school. She encouraged students to try their best in everything they do. Ms. Robinson's love for students and her passion for helping them learn will be greatly missed at Formey next year.

**Karen Ross**  
**Records Examiner, Human Resources**

Mrs. Ross was an AHRS guru and her longevity in the district is quite impressive, 31 years of service! She was reliable and consistent and was able to manage any task with minimal supervision. The HR department will miss her gentle demeanor and welcoming smile. Congratulations!

**Sharon Ross**  
**C/TE-Business Education, Groves High**

Ms. Ross was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. The district will miss her drive and determination and willingness to go the extra mile. The Savannah Chatham County Public School System thanks Ms. Ross for her many years of service and wish her well in retirement.

**Denise Rouche'**  
**C/TE-Business Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

Ms. Rouche' was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. The district appreciates Ms. Rouche's dedication to our students. Ms. Rouche' was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by the Windsor Forest High family.

**Patricia Saunders**  
**Special Education, Beach High**

Ms. Saunders took pride in her students and encouraged them to work hard. She always had a kind word for everyone she met. Ms. Saunders will be missed by our students, staff, and our community.

**Gwendolyn Scott**  
**Paraprofessional, Woodville-Tompkins T/C High**

Mrs. Scott was a gracious spirit who loved doing everything she could to support students. She could always be found giving a word of encouragement motivation to our school community. Best wishes!

**Earnest Simmons**  
**Head Custodian, Central Officer**

Mr. Simmons greeted staff and visitors with a smile. He could always be counted on to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Mr. Simmons cheerful nature, hard work, and dedication to SCCPSS will be missed. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement!

**Vernece Singleton**  
**Paraprofessional, Godley Station K-8**

Mrs. Singleton was extremely compassionate and worked hard every day to help the students develop a love of learning. She was nominated for Instructional Support Person of the Year several times. Ms. Singleton always went above and beyond the call of duty year after year to make the classroom a warm, inviting, and nurturing environment.

**Cynthia Smith**  
**Social Studies Teacher, Oglethorpe Charter School**

Ms. Smith was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. She always maintained a strict focus on education and stressed to her students the importance of operating in excellence. The Oglethorpe Charter family will miss Ms. Smith and wish her well in retirement.

**Robert Speer**  
**Program Manager, Exceptional Children**

Mr. Speer brought empathy and kindness to our department. He maintained a strict work ethic and always desired to work efficiently to obtain needed services for students. Mr. Speer was known for having a wealth of experiential knowledge and he graciously shared it with all stakeholders. The department will miss him dearly.

**Robin Steplight**  
**Administrative Secretary, Hesse K-8**

Mrs. Steplight gave 100% to all endeavors. She would always find a way to obtain the resources needed to ensure success for the students and the staff. We will always remember her eagerness to help others. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Brenda Thornton**  
**Special Education, Port Wentworth Elementary**

Ms. Thornton worked with our SPED team to keep our school in compliance with IEP documentation. She participated in PTA and family events. Ms. Thornton will be remembered the most for her soft-spoken nature. Best wishes on your retirement.

**Susan Torrance**  
**Language Arts, Ellis School**

Ms. Torrance embodied the essence of a Montessori Guide. She served her students with grace, humor, and deep compassion. A Life-long Learner, Ms. Torrance modeled excellence for students and colleagues alike. Ms. Torrance believed in the quest for knowledge, the possibilities are endless when one is in a "beginner's mind". Congratulations!

**Bernice Tukes**  
**Paraprofessional, Garden City Elementary**

Ms. Tukes developed her leadership capacity by serving as the classified lead professional at GCES. She displayed excellent management skills and was well-versed in the curriculum. She was known for acting in the best interest of students and always offering support wherever needed.

**Natatia Van Ellison**  
**CTAE/ Business Education, Jenkins High**

Mrs. Van Ellison served on the CTAE Department at Jenkins High School for numerous years. She touched the lives of many children over the years. Her gentle and nurturing demeanor could reach some of the most challenging students. Mrs. Van Ellison will be remembered most for her positive and uplifting demeanor.

**Cynthia Walker**  
**Paraprofessional, Windsor Forest High**

Ms. Walker took the initiative to make sure all students' needs were met, and she raised the bar for student achievement. Ms. Walker was an invaluable asset in the classroom and will be missed. The Windsor Forest High family will miss her, and we wish Ms. Walker well in retirement.

**William Walker**  
**Social Studies Teacher, Jenkins High**

Mr. Walker will be remembered most for being a great storyteller. His history lessons were like listening to an interesting story. He was a wealth of knowledge! Mr. Walker was our "go to" person and will be missed by those at Jenkins High School

**Bradley Wallace**  
**English Teacher, Savannah Arts Academy**

Mr. Wallace helped make SAA a more engaging and fun place to be. His wittiness and dedication will be remembered by students and staff for years to come. It's been an honor and privilege to work with him. He will truly be missed. There will be no other like Bradley Wallace!

**Donna Ward**  
**Teacher, Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Ms. Ward has served as a dedicated teacher with SCCPSS for 23 years. During her tenure, she touched many young lives and encouraged students to be their very best. Ms. Ward served on numerous action teams including serving as a valuable member of the Leader in Me program. Her warm smile, hugs, and snacks will be greatly missed at Largo-Tibet Elementary.

**Lilla Washington Chisholm**  
**Bus Driver, Transportation**

Mrs. Chisholm was a hard worker, always assisted when asked. Faithfully serviced the students of Chatham County for over three decades. She will be missed by staff and students alike.

**Sheila Weese**  
**Mathematics Teacher, West Chatham Middle**

Ms. Tukes worked 23 years at West Chatham Middle School. She possessed a wealth of knowledge and collaboratively worked with teachers to assist scholars. We wish her the best during her well-deserved retirement.

**Mel Whitehead**  
**Teacher Specialist, Academic Affairs**

Mr. Whitehead loves music education and always worked to spread that love across our schools. Mr. Whitehead worked with great passion and diligence for our schools, students, and community.

**Dona Williams**  
**Paraprofessional, Gould Elementary**

Ms. Williams worked tirelessly to build relationships with her students. We appreciate the service our retiring colleague has given to SCCPSS. Ms. Williams has truly made a difference in the lives of our students, and she will be missed.

**Christopher Willis**  
**Health/PE Teacher, DeRenne Middle**

Coach Willis worked at DeRenne Middle School for 20 years, he's coached every sport, his colleagues describe him as laid-back, easygoing, and willing to help wherever needed. He will be missed by the DeRenne Middle School family.

**Anne Woodard**  
**Art Teacher, Windsor Forest High**

Ms. Woodard served as the chair for the Fine Arts department. She was advisor to the art club, yearbook, and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions. Ms. Woodard was always willing to go the extra mile for students and lend a helping hand. Best wishes on your retirement.

**April Wright**  
**Paraprofessional, Hesse K-8**

Mrs. Wright advocated for students with exceptionalities daily. Mrs. Wright worked diligently alongside her team to ensure students received the support they needed to feel successful. Mrs. Wright still keeps in touch with former students to ensure they are on track. Congratulations on your retirement!