



# Candler County Charter School District

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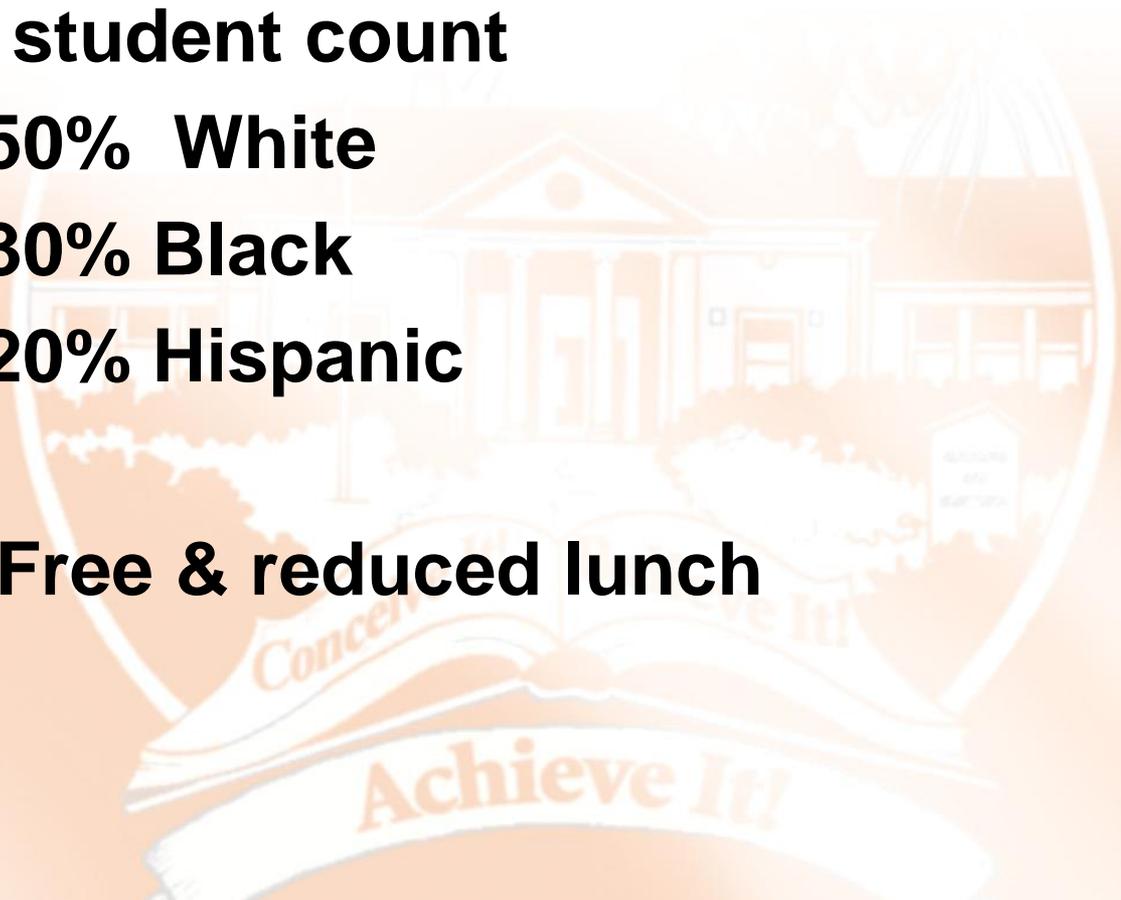


# Candler County School Demographics

**2200 student count**

- **50% White**
- **30% Black**
- **20% Hispanic**

**80% Free & reduced lunch**

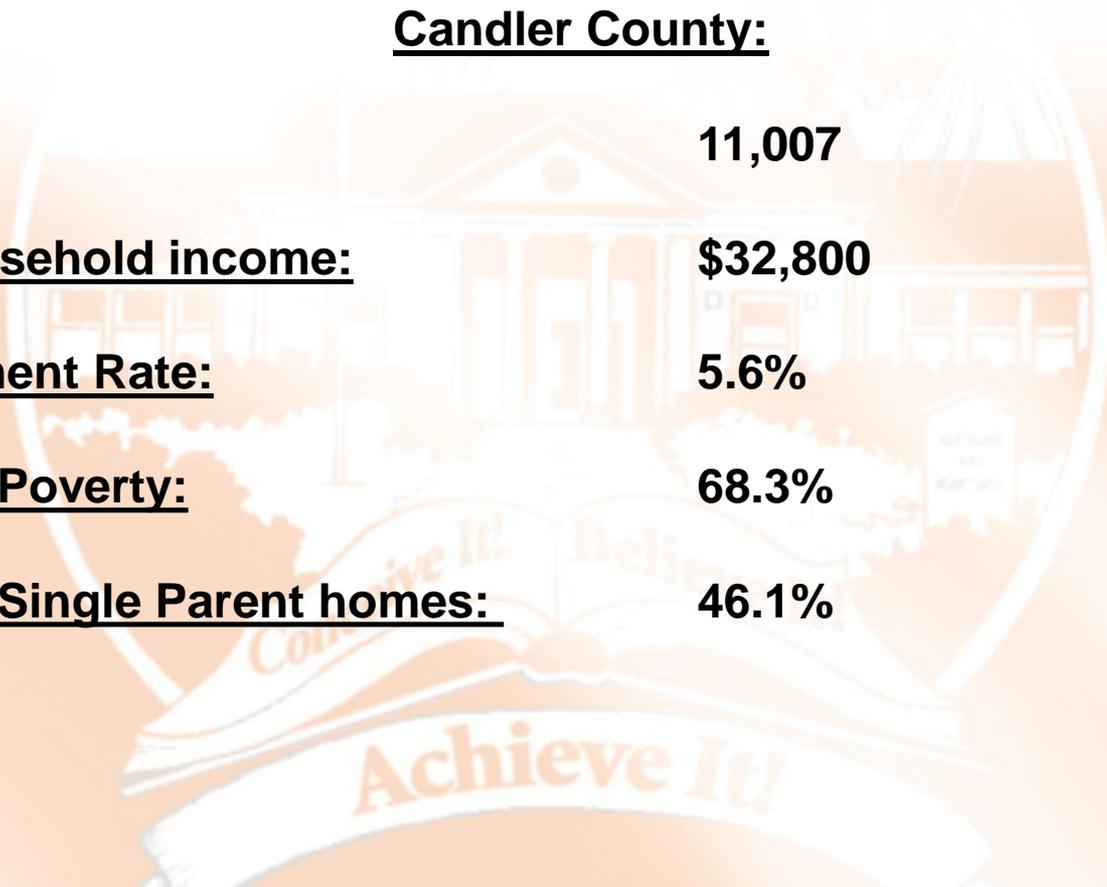




# Community At a Glance

## Candler County:

<b><u>Population:</u></b>	<b>11,007</b>
<b><u>Median household income:</u></b>	<b>\$32,800</b>
<b><u>Unemployment Rate:</u></b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b><u>Children in Poverty:</u></b>	<b>68.3%</b>
<b><u>Children in Single Parent homes:</u></b>	<b>46.1%</b>





## Industry

Growers Supply, Inc.

CPE America

Candler Gin & Warehouse Co.

Hendrix Produce

Pepsi Bottling Group

Flint Industries

Linzer, Corp.

Everdigm America

The Peterbilt Store

Metter sits on I-16, in relative close proximity to the GA Ports, Statesboro and Savannah.

Achieve It!



# Agriculture

Agriculture, Food, Fiber, Horticulture and Related Total Economic Contribution:

Jobs: 1,199

Output: \$64,430,447

Farm Gate Value: \$50,859,747.54

Top Commodities: Onions, Cotton, Peanuts and Timber

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## Candler County School System Focus

- Literacy is “The Thing”
  - ❑ Literacy task force consisting of school and community partners
  - ❑ Strategic plan to attack Literacy deficiencies grades Pre-k through 12
  - ❑ Significance of reading levels (especially 3rd grade)
- Teacher collaboration and accountability
- Fine Arts, CTAE, & Acceleration



# Professional Learning Communities

**Board of Education Members**



**BOE - Central Office Colleagues**



**COP - Central Office Colleagues and Principals**



MES Leadership



MMS Leadership



MHS Leadership



Subject Alike teams



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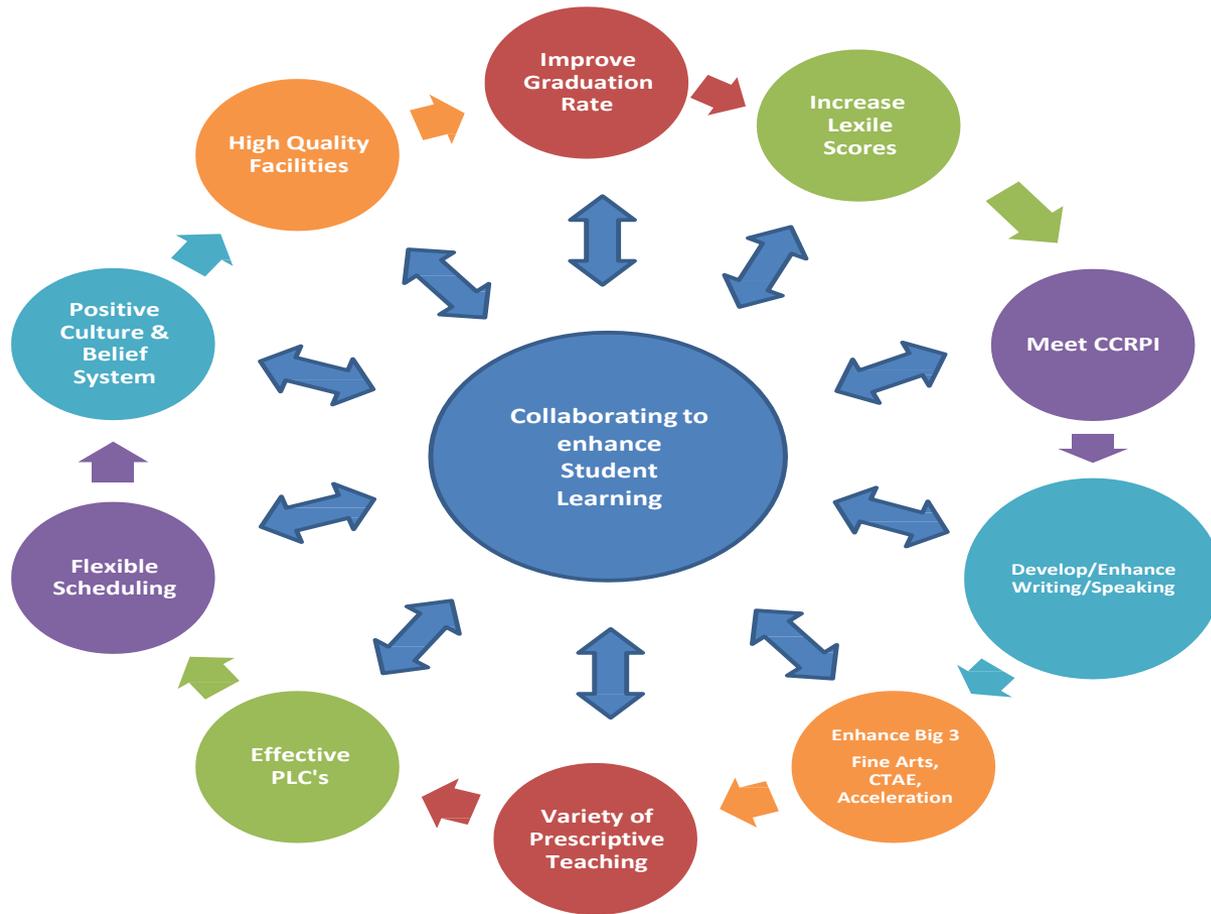


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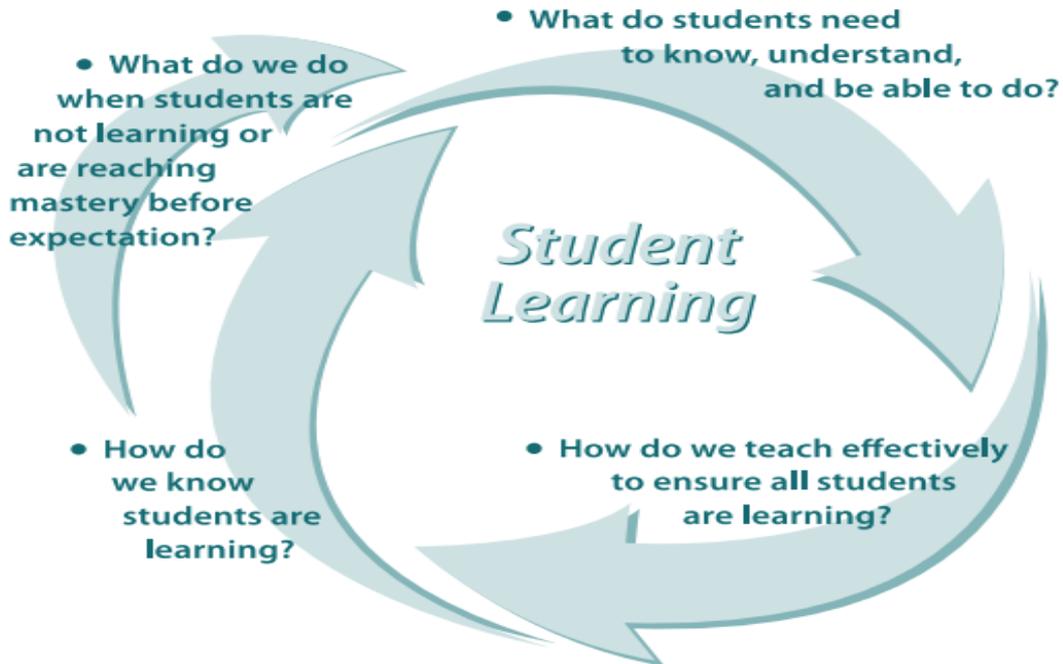
# Strategic Plan





# Student Learning Cycle

## Continuous Cycle of Student Learning





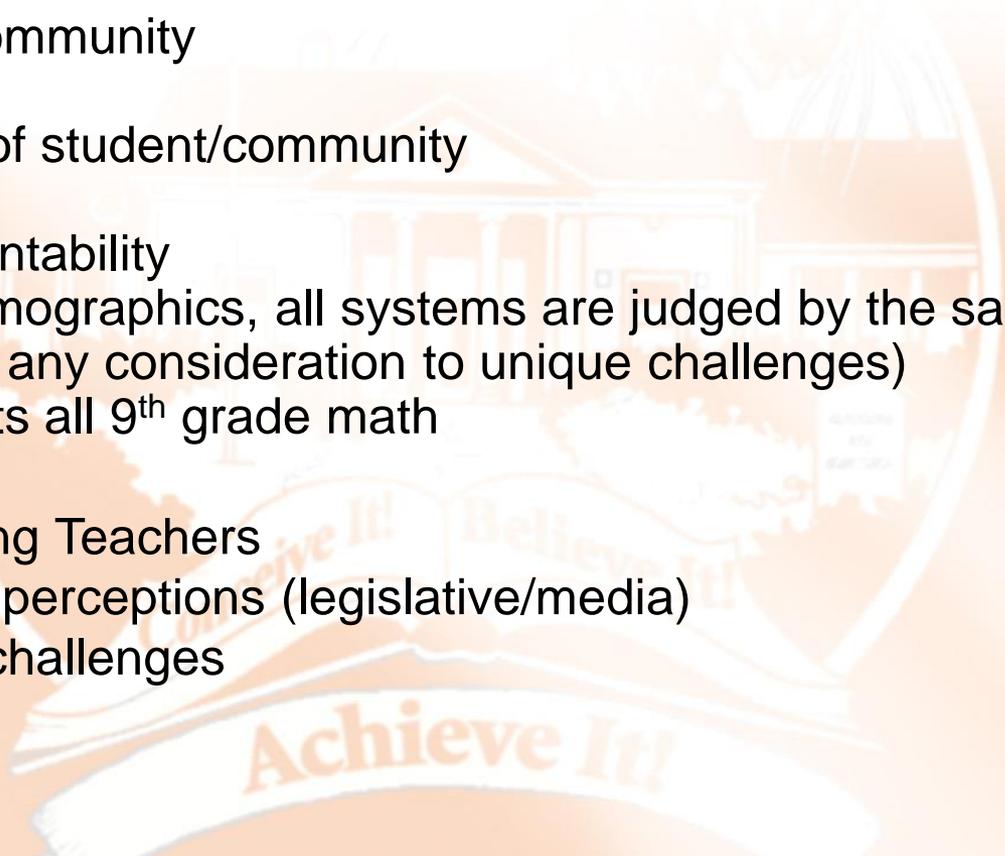
## Graduation Rate

2017-18	GOAL 92% plus
2016-17	91.96%
2015-16	87.16%
2014-15	88.23%
2013-14	81.5%
2012-13	80.9%
2011-12	80.2%
2010-11	76.6%



# Challenges

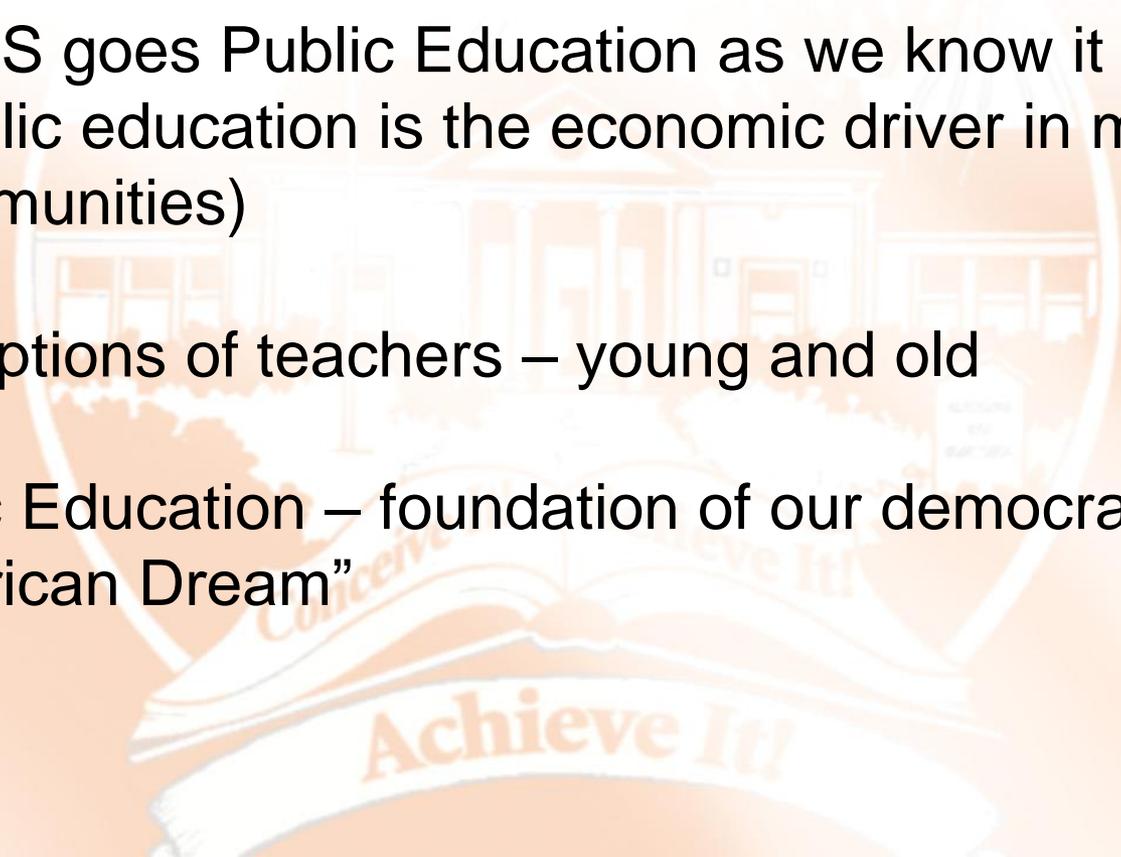
- Poverty – Family Structure – 80% Free & Reduced
- The gap is widening between the “Have’s and Have Nots”.
- Drug Use in the community
- Emotional Issues of student/community
- High stakes accountability  
(Regardless of demographics, all systems are judged by the same measures without any consideration to unique challenges)  
One Curriculum fits all 9<sup>th</sup> grade math
- Recruiting/Retaining Teachers
  - Negative perceptions (legislative/media)
  - Societal challenges





## Challenges Continued

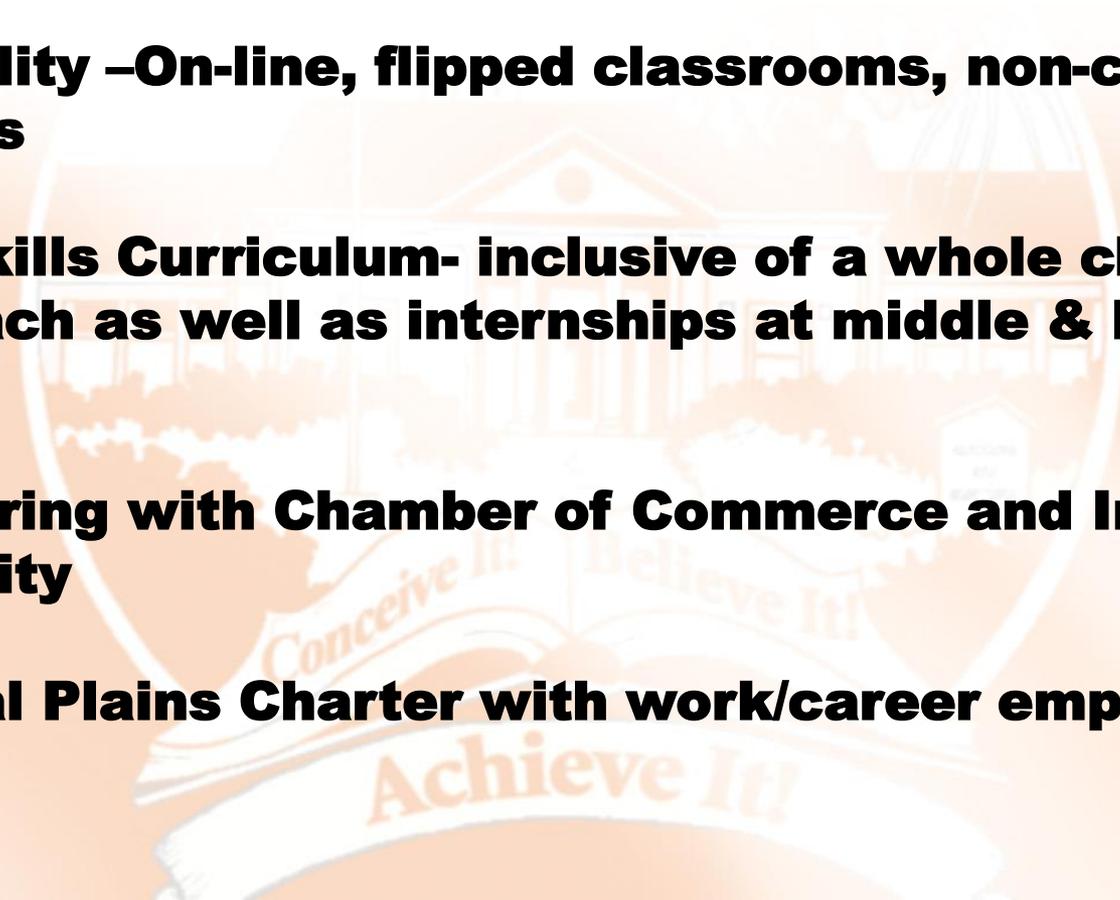
- **TRS – last incentive to recruit /retain teachers**
  - ❑ If TRS goes Public Education as we know it is over - - (Public education is the economic driver in most rural communities)
  - ❑ Perceptions of teachers – young and old
  - ❑ Public Education – foundation of our democracy  
“American Dream”





# What are We Doing?

- **Literacy**
- **Flexibility –On-line, flipped classrooms, non-certified experts**
- **Soft-Skills Curriculum- inclusive of a whole child approach as well as internships at middle & high school level**
- **Partnering with Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority**
- **Coastal Plains Charter with work/career emphasis**





# Classes we are offering

- **Agriculture**
- **Business Education**
- **Family Consumer Science**
- **JROTC**
- **Health Care (Bio-Technology)**
- **Fine Arts**
  - **Art**
  - **Chorus**
  - **Band**
  - **Drama**
  - **Spanish and multiple foreign languages**
- **Academic:**
  - **Advanced Placement**
  - **Dual Enrollment**
- **Logistics**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)**
- **Information Technology (IT)**
- **Video Production**





# What Can you Do?

- **Share the message – Public Education is more focused than ever**
- **Flexibility – multiple diploma types**
- **Keep decisions at the local level**
- **Minimize absolute statewide accountability that does not take into consideration unique challenges and obstacles at the local level**
- **Allow more flexibility in graduation requirements – focus should be career readiness**
- **Incentivize companies to locate to rural GA**
- **Protect TRS**
- **Address mental health issues/ opioid abuse**

**School is a microcosm of society**



**Questions?**

**Comments!**





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