

News Announcements for Toombs County Schools

Toombs BOE Passes Tentative Budget; 2 Schools Receive 4-Star Rating

The Toombs County Board of Education passed the FY2017 Tentative Budget at their regular June meeting. The total budget of \$36,272,747 includes a 2% base salary supplement for all employees, unfreezes the local teaching supplement for certified employees, and unfreezes the classified employee pay scales. Five days have also been added to the student calendar for the next school year. Each of these items is being funded through the restoration of the state austerity cuts for the coming year. The board also set a called meeting for June 29, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the board room to finalize the budget.

Toombs County Middle School and Toombs Central Elementary School were recognized for earning a 4-Star Climate Rating as part of the College and Career Ready Performance Index. The School Climate Star Rating is a 5-level diagnostic tool to determine if a school is on the right path to school improvement. All other schools in the system received 3-Star ratings.

The School Climate Star Rating is calculated using data from the Georgia Student Health Survey 2.0, Georgia School Personnel Survey, Georgia Parent Survey, student discipline data and attendance records for students, teachers, staff and administrators. The School Climate Star Rating provides school-level data on the following components:

- 1) Survey – a measure of student, teacher, and parent perceptions of a school’s climate;
- 2) Student Discipline – a measure of student discipline using a weighted suspension rate;
- 3) Safe and Substance-Free Learning Environment – school discipline incidents and student survey responses on use of illegal substances and the prevalence of violence, bullying, and unsafe incidents within a school; and
- 4) Attendance – the average daily attendance of teachers, administrators, and staff members and the percentage of students with less than six unexcused absences.

The Board also approved installing awnings at the bus area of three schools, as well as giving local approval to the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Local Plan and Funding Application. This allows the Toombs County CTAE Program to receive Program Improvement Funds and Equipment Grants for the technical programs at Toombs County High School and Toombs County Middle School.