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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

This past year has presented many challenges for all of us. But, through the positive working relationship that we have developed, we were able to navigate those challenges throughout the year together. I cannot express our thanks and gratitude enough to all of our parents and staff members for their patience, flexibility, continued support, hard work and dedication throughout this school year.

We began the school year offering a hybrid learning schedule of instruction for our students two days a week. Then, we were able to begin to transition grade levels back, starting in November, for 4 days per week of in-person instruction, culminating on January 26th when we brought our last grade band back for in-person learning for 4 days per week. Through all of these changes, we continued to hear of and see the different activities that were taking place within our schools. We still had high expectations for our students to meet and our schools continued to look for safe and innovative ways to ensure that we were meeting the needs of our students. Thank you to all of our staff members for the care that you have shown for your students.

Our student athletes and other after school programs were able to begin to get back to a little more normalcy through their competitions, which were able to begin in December. During our high school athletic seasons, our student athletes excelled in many areas. The GHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team were Region 2C Champions and won

the first State Championship for a female sport at GHS. The NHS Varsity football team advanced to the Region Championship, as well as the NHS boys Varsity basketball team. In addition, the NHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team were Region Semifinalists, as well as the NHS Girls Varsity Basketball team. The NHS Theatre troupe was State Runner up during their season. NHS also had an athlete qualify for the State Indoor Track meet and members of the GHS Boys & Girls Swim teams qualified for both the regional and state meets, with an individual Region Champion and State Champion from the Boys Swim team for GHS.

Along with these achievements, we had several students at the Giles Technology Center place in the SkillsUSA competitions. The students in these programs faced challenges with the pandemic and participated virtually in their competitions. There were 3 Gold place finishers, 5 Silver place finishers, and 1 Bronze place finisher in the Virginia SkillsUSA competition in June. In addition, eleven students from the Tech Center participated in the State Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) conference, with three individual first place finishers, two individual second place finishers, two individual third place finishers, an individual fourth place finisher, a team third place finish, and a team first place finish in the competitions. Four of these students from the HOSA conference competitions will compete at the international level over the summer.

These activities are only a few of the many accomplishments that our students and teachers have had during this

school year in spite of the altered schedule that we were operating under. They adapted to the new challenges that faced them and were able to be successful. We continue to be proud of all of our students and teachers who work hard each day to prepare for these and all other competitions, activities, or performances. They do an excellent job representing their schools, as well as Giles County, in a positive fashion. We are proud of you!!

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all of you and thank you for your continued support of the Giles County School System. Through this support, commitment, and teamwork, we are able to continue to achieve many things for the benefit of our students and our school system as a whole, despite the challenges we faced with the pandemic. I look forward to continuing this relationship with each of you and moving back to a more normal school year for the 2021-22 school year, so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our students here in Giles County Public Schools. I hope that each of you have a positive end to the school year and a joyous summer break.

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent

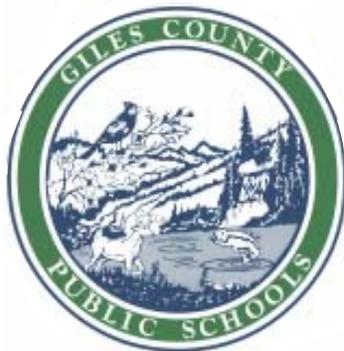
Average Per Pupil Expenditures

Legislation from the General Assembly requires the School Board to provide parents with certain budgetary information within 30 days of submitting the budget to the Board of Supervisors. The governing body must approve and appropriate (permit) spending for all funds. The state has mandated that the following information be provided regarding last year's budget, the current year's budget, and the proposed budget for 2021-22.

	2019-20 YEAR ACTUAL	2020-21 YEAR ESTIMATE	2021-22 YEAR PROPOSED
FOR OPERATIONS*			
STATE FUNDS	\$6,016	\$6,264	\$6,610
SALES AND USE TAX	\$1,293	\$1,320	\$1,357
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 1,038	\$1,335	\$1,121
LOCAL FUNDS	\$4,664	\$4,298	\$4,062
TOTAL	\$13,101	\$13,216	\$13,150
FOR DEBT SERVICE			
	\$548	\$534	\$560

*Operations category includes regular day school, school food services, summer school, and other educational programs, but does not include debt service, non-regular day school, non-LEA programs, capital outlay additions, and some capital outlay replacement categories. Local funds category includes funding plus other local revenues.

School Board Information



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2020-21

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