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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

This past year has continued to present us with many challenges. But, through the positive working relationship that we have developed, we were able to navigate those challenges throughout the year together. So, as we move towards our summer break, I want to express our thanks and gratitude to all of our parents and staff members for their patience, flexibility, continued support and hard work and dedication throughout this school year.

Even though we had several requirements that we had to follow, we began the school year with the majority of our students and staff back for in-person learning. And, as we moved through the school year, we were able to make changes to our Return to Learn plan that enabled us to move even closer to a more normal school day. Through all these challenges and changes, we continued to hear of and see the different activities that were taking place within our schools and see the high expectations that were in place for our students. Thank you to all of our staff members, for the care that you have shown for our students.

Our student athletes and other after school programs were able to begin to get back to their normal competition schedules this year. During our high school athletic seasons, our student athletes excelled in many areas. The GHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team placed in the Region Quarterfinals and GHS Varsity Football team played in the Regional Semifinals. The NHS Varsity Football team played in the Region Quarterfinals, as well as the NHS boys and girls Varsity basketball teams. In addition, the NHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team were in the State Quarterfinals. The NHS Theatre troupe was the Region Champions during their season and the NHS Scholastic

Bowl team was a State qualifier. NHS also had two athletes place 2nd in the Region and placed 3rd and 6th in the State Indoor Track meet. The GHS Golf team qualified for the state tournament and 10 members of the GHS Boys & Girls Swim teams qualified for the state meet.

Along with these achievements, we had several students at the Giles Technology Center place in the Skills USA competitions. The students in these programs were also able to move back to normal in-person competitions this year. There were 4 Gold place finishers, 2 team Silver place finishers, and 1 Bronze place finisher in the Virginia SkillsUSA competition, with one of the individuals being eligible to compete at the National Skills USA competition in June. In addition, ten students from the Tech Center participated in the State Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA) conference, with three individual first place finishers, two team first place finishers, and a team fourth place finish in the competitions. Seven of these students from the HOSA conference competitions will have the opportunity to compete at the international level over the summer.

In addition, this year we had some of our Middle School students, who have participated in our after-school robotics program, compete in a TSA Technosphere competition. We had approximately 90 students in our robotics program and had 20 students compete at the TSA competition. Here is how these students performed: NEMS Teams placed 3rd and 4th; EEMS placed 5th; MMS team placed 8th; Community Service Video placed 7th; Structural Engineering placed 6th; and GCPS finished 7th overall for Middle Schools

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 requirements that we were operating under. They continued to adapt to the challenges they faced 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 your all!

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all of you and thank for your continued support of the Giles County School System. Through this support, commitment, and teamwork, we have been able to continue to achieve many things for the benefit of our students and our school system as a whole, despite the continuously changing landscape we faced with the pandemic. I look forward to continuing this relationship with each of you 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

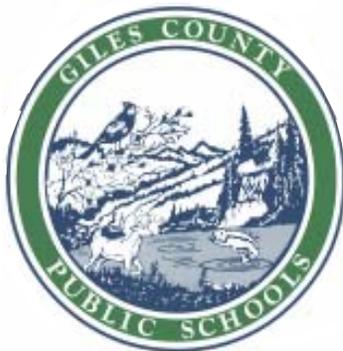
Average Per Pupil Expenditures

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 2022-23.

	2020-21 YEAR ACTUAL	2021-22 YEAR ESTIMATE	2022-23 YEAR PROPOSED
FOR OPERATIONS*			
STATE FUNDS	\$6,453	\$7,869	\$6,603
SALES AND USE TAX	\$1,263	\$1,013	\$ 942
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 918	\$ 917	\$2,043
LOCAL FUNDS	\$4,077	\$2,954	\$3,244
TOTAL	\$12,711	\$12,753	\$12,832
FOR DEBT SERVICE			
	\$546	\$361	\$361

*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



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