



## The 2016-17 school year will be a Year of Promise!

Public education is a cornerstone of America, playing a key role in building a strong community and strong nation and working to ensure a future filled with promise for *all* students. In recognition of the promise in every child, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is celebrating 2016-17 as a Year of Promise for our students, for our staff, and for the community at large.

Gwinnett County Public Schools is doing its part in building a better, stronger Gwinnett County... one whose citizens value public education and the rich heritage and culture of America. We know that the education that our students receive in a Gwinnett school is critically important as they prepare for college and careers as well as the responsibilities of being a contributing member of society and an engaged citizen. Simply put, our students are "the Promise of Gwinnett," and what happens each and every day in the classroom helps the schoolchildren of our community to fulfill their promise.

We're very proud of outstanding staff members and award-winning students, but we also celebrate small gains in the classroom, big imaginations, kids who are kind, innovative teaching, creative thinkers, children who do the right thing, and students who try their best, even when it's hard. Our students' accomplishments—big and small, those recognized with awards and those that result from overcoming a challenge—reflect the promise that every student holds for a bright future.

Our dedicated teaching corps keeps this promise every day... teaching knowledge and skills for 21st century learners, encouraging Gwinnett students to dream big, expanding the walls of the classroom through innovation, and nurturing dreamers and doers in our schools. And those who support teachers—school nutrition workers and transportation staff, custodians and office workers, central office staff and school and district leaders—ensure that teachers can dedicate themselves to this critical work.

As a school system, Gwinnett County Public Schools is committed to delivering on the promises it makes to stakeholder—students, families, employees—and to our community. And we invite families, business and civic leaders, higher education colleagues, and the wider community to play a part in preparing our young people for success in college, work, and life.

**That's the Promise of Gwinnett, working together to ensure a future filled with promise for *all* students.**

