

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 9/18/2018

The Augusta School District held its annual report to the public on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, in the superintendent's office.

April Grisham, G/T, ALE, SPED; 21CCLC Coordinator presented information concerning these programs. **Gifted & Talented** – For the 19SY, 41 students are currently being served. Grades K-2 participate in whole group enrichment activities, now called STEM. These are facilitated by Ms. Grisham. Identified students in grade 3-5 participated in a pull-out program for 150 minutes per week. Middle and High School students are served primarily through secondary content differentiation. **ALE** – The Elementary school had such a wonderful success last year with its ALE program that we added a program in the high school. The purpose of the ALE program is to help struggling students to get back on track to where they can be successful in the regular classroom environment. Both programs are off to a great start. **21st Century Before/After School Program** – We are now in our 2nd week of our program. As of today we have 103 students enrolled. Students are able to participate in both academic and enrichment activities. We will be using literacy and math programs such as Lexia Learn, IXL, and No Red Ink. Enrichment activities include but are not limited to art, dance, chess/checkers, Legos and much more. All students also receive a full meal and a snack.

Brian Mannon, Middle School Principal, noted school is off to an exciting start. The Middle and High School recently received the School of Innovation designation which has allowed them to create programs within our school that have boosted engagement. We are able to use a flex day in order to offer career focused enrichment as well as needed remediation for students. We have reward programs to encourage positive behavior. We are planning a STEM night. We will bring back our student/faculty basketball game. There will be a Christmas program featuring the high school band and choir.

Janet Holzauer, Director of Learning Services, discussed using the Connections program in grade K-6 to teach the structure of English language and the acquisition of the basic skills for reading. We are continuing with year with our Eureka Math curriculum.

Carla Williams, Child Nutrition Director, noted that the student BMI's are down when comparing the 2017SY with the 2018SY data. They will continue to service tasty meals that meet the State guidelines.

Georgianna Lester, STEM Coordinator, discussed the vast choices of activities available to the students. In robotics, they are using Lego WeDo2.0 kits and Cubelet kits. The students really enjoy learning to code through these activities.

Richard Greer, Elementary Principal, noted the enrollment comparing 2018SY to the current enrollment. He discussed the success of the School of Innovation. They had 100 grandparents at the Grandparent's Day breakfast. He is planning Bring Dad to School. As part of the parental involvement they will be participating in a Strong Fathers/Strong Families program.

Jay Murphree, HS Principal, also presented enrollment comparisons. He noted that there was a great reception and participation by the student body during the Constitution Day program presented by Mike Allen, HS teacher and veteran. He discussed the School of Innovation. He noted they will be starting their flex days. Everyone will be able to “flex” the 1st two times. They can participate in archery, STEM, robotics, music and much more. They will have Math or Science night soon as well as a Strong Fathers/Strong Families program.

Craig Parkridge, Technology Director, reported on the equipment and technology updates in the district. He noted we have 4 computer labs, 2 in each building. We are still in the Apple Grant where by all high school students and teachers received an iPad. The district purchased iPads for the elementary students. We are a 1 to 1 technology district.

Cathy Tanner, Superintendent, also discussed enrollment. She presented financial information showing the ending balances for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. She discussed all federal programs including Title I, IIA, IV, VIB, and NSL. She stated that this school year has started off great.