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Dear CCSD Employees,

As the summer ends and we prepare together for the coming academic year, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Cherokee County School District. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. The start of the year is always a special time, with new students and faculty, and new relationships. We are fortunate to welcome 87 new employees this academic year, whose expertise will build upon the remarkable dedication to education that characterizes our District.

With the start of the new school year now upon us, I want to take a few minutes to introduce myself as the new Superintendent of Cherokee County School District. I am a U.S. Army Veteran and have spent the majority of my educational career serving in a variety of leadership roles. It is a privilege for me to be able to serve this community as Superintendent. Over the next several months, I look forward to visiting each of our schools to experience first-hand the vibrant school communities that make up our great school system. I hope to meet many students, staff, parents, and community members along my travels.

I believe that education is the cornerstone in every community. As adults, it is our responsibility to make our District the very best that it can be for our youth. The adage "it takes a village to raise a child" is undeniably even more imperative in today's society. With all great school districts, there is the strength of a great community. We must unite in this common goal of support, and together, we can ensure the very best for our students and community. It is very apparent that Cherokee County School District has consistently sustained growth and I believe is on the cusp of even greater growth potential. We must prepare for our future by ensuring that we have a top-rated school district that attracts and encourages growth and offers abundant opportunities to captivate our learners. This includes having well-maintained facilities that provide innovative learning environments, the quality of the academic programs and options for our students, the instructional delivery for our students, as well as extra-curricular activities at the highest level.

My areas of focus for the upcoming school year will cover all facets of the educational environment. This year we will continue to concentrate our efforts on academic growth. Our District will remain attentive and fully vested in our educational relationships by working with parents and educational partners to ensure that our schools are welcoming learning environments that meet the needs of all students. In addition to academics, there will be an emphasis on our facilities. We will focus on safety and educational settings, always providing a safe and clean learning environment for all to learn, giving our District and stakeholders a sense of pride. Lastly, professional development will be key to our motivation and growth. I want to make sure that we are providing quality professional development for all employees, continuing to push professional growth to new heights. We will continue to develop programs and partnerships to provide academic opportunities for our students to compete in our global society as well as growing our extracurricular opportunities and the success of them.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the week's activities beginning August 7 for both certified and classified staff members. Please note we have our opening session scheduled at Gaffney High School on August 16, with various professional development sessions scheduled throughout the week of August 12-August

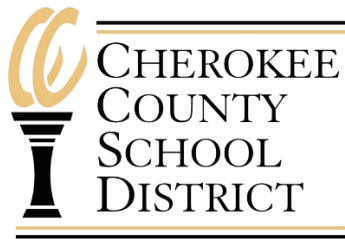
16. Because of limited parking the morning of opening session, try to carpool if possible. **Once in the auditorium for opening session, please begin to take seats in the rows nearest the stage first and work upwards. In side sections, please fill in from the wall to the aisle, and for middle sections, please fill in from the middle of the row to the end of each side. Also, please note that food and drinks are not permitted in the auditorium.**

I look forward to the upcoming school year and know that this year will provide many new challenges and changes toward making Cherokee County School District the Flagship for the state. I believe that we already have a great staff and strong support from stakeholders to move in that direction. My family and I are extremely excited to be a part of Cherokee County School District and look forward to all the great things to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dr. Dana Fall
Superintendent

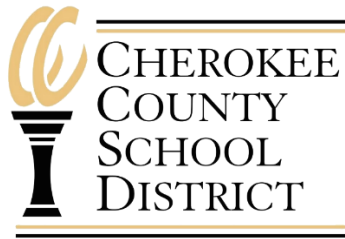


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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

2019-2020

DATE	PARTICIPANTS	TIME	LOCATION	PURPOSE	FACILITATOR
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7	NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS	9:00 – 2:00	DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM	NEW HIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES	BESSIE WESTMORELAND
MONDAY AUGUST 12	CERTIFIED STAFF	8:00 – 11:00 12:30 – 3:30	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES	PRINCIPALS
	3K, 4K & DD TEACHERS	8:00 – 11:00 12:30 – 4:00	DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM	CSEFEL TRAINING	LISA BLANTON
TUESDAY AUGUST 13	CERTIFIED STAFF	8:00 – 3:30	GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL	<i>Keeping It REAL: Reaching Everyone As Learners</i>	CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
	SCHOOL NURSES	8:00 – 3:00	GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL	IMMUNIZATION TRAINING & NURSING UPDATES	MARY BEATTIE
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14	CERTIFIED STAFF	8:00 – 11:30 1:00 – 3:30	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES	PRINCIPALS
	ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA 2, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS TEACHERS	8:00 – 11:00	INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION PD ROOM	HMH TEXTBOOK ROLLOUT	AMANDA PAINTER
THURSDAY AUGUST 15	CERTIFIED STAFF	8:00 – 11:00	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES	PRINCIPALS
	ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION	8:00 – 9:00	DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM	BEGINNING OF YEAR	BESSIE WESTMORELAND
	SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION	9:00 – 10:00	DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM	BEGINNING OF YEAR	BESSIE WESTMORELAND
	CERTIFIED STAFF	12:30 – 3:30 2:00 – 8:00	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION (SEE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL TIMES)	PRINCIPALS
FRIDAY AUGUST 16	ALL STAFF	8:30 – 11:00	GHS AUDITORIUM	OPENING SESSION	DR. DANA FALL
	ALL STAFF	12:30 – 3:30	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES	PRINCIPALS



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THURSDAY AUGUST 8	FOOD SERVICE STAFF	8:00 – 3:00	ALMA	FOOD SERVICE UPDATE	SANDY LITTLEJOHN
FRIDAY AUGUST 9	BUS DRIVERS	8:00 – 5:00	GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM	SDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	ROBBIE ADAMS
MONDAY AUGUST 12	ALL STAFF	8:00 – 11:00 12:30 – 3:30	SCHOOLS	SITE-BASED OPPORTUNITIES	PRINCIPALS
	DD TEACHER ASSISTANTS	8:00 – 11:00 12:30 – 4:00	DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM	CSEFEL TRAINING	LISA BLANTON
	MAINTENANCE STAFF	8:00 – 12:00	GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM	ASBESTOS AWARENESS AND PPE TRAINING	MITCH MILLER
TUESDAY AUGUST 13	SPECIAL EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANTS OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF	8:00 – 3:30	GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL	<i>Keeping It REAL:</i> Reaching Everyone As Learners	CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14	SPECIAL NEEDS BUS DRIVERS AND MONITORS	8:30 – 9:30	GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM	SPECIAL NEEDS UPDATE	BESSIE WESTMORELAND
	BUS DRIVERS	8:30 – 3:00	GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM	NEW SCHOOL YEAR INSERVICE (DIASTAT TRAINING, EPI-PEN TRAINING, BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING)	ROBBIE ADAMS BESSIE WESTMORELAND
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TEACHER ASSISTANTS - ALL UNASSIGNED TIMES WILL BE SITE BASED