

CatoosaCONNECTS



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Chance Nix, Superintendent Elect

Every child, every day, without exception!



GREAT NEWS!

One week from today, I will be sworn in as Superintendent of Catoosa County Public Schools. I can't tell you how honored and excited I am to continue the work that the Board of Education and Superintendent Reese started.

You know we have been preparing for the COGNIA accreditation visit for a year, and I am so proud to tell you that the COGNIA team was VERY IMPRESSED with Catoosa County Public Schools. Your hard work and commitment to students was recognized and commended. The words they heard consistently from our employees and stakeholders included family, supportive, caring, fun, collaborative, and commitment. You make our school system AMAZING, and we received the highest praise from the COGNIA team. I'd like to give a "shout out" to Gina Haynes and the Office of School Improvement for coordinating with the COGNIA team and making us shine.

Our Charter System Renewal Interview is Monday, and I am confident this team will be impressed with our college and career focused plan for the next 5 years. Our charter application and new strategic plan are both titled: *CatoosaCONNECTS*. *Tom Ford said, "The most important things in life are the connections you make with others."* I couldn't agree more with this statement, and I look forward to sharing my vision for making connections at the back-to-school instructional fair.

Now for the Great News:

- Governor Kemp signed the FY22 amended budget that includes a \$2,000 "supplement" for ALL employees! You will receive this supplement in May.
- Governor Kemp's FY23 budget includes a \$2,000 increase in the certified salary schedule to fulfill his campaign promise of a \$5,000 salary increase for teachers.
- The Board of Education plans to approve an FY23 budget with a salary increase for all classified positions. I will share the details of this increase when the budget is finalized.

I really appreciate each of you, and I am looking forward to "connecting" with you in my new role as superintendent.