



2025

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025 PAULDING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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Safety & Security



Advocate for dedicated line-item funding for an armed P.O.S.T. certified school safety professional at every PCSD school.



Promote increased and dedicated funding for student mental health programs, school counselors, social workers, and other mental health professionals at PCSD.



Support programs and line-item funding for PCSD safety initiatives, including cybersecurity and cyber safety initiatives to protect our students and staff.



Explore changes to state law that bolster the efficient and safe transfer of students from other school districts to PCSD.

Financial Sustainability



Require fiscal notes for education-related legislation that impacts PCSD funding and oppose unfunded mandates and/or indirect obligations.



Champion legislation that would provide funding for capital improvements for large, fast-growing, low wealth school districts like PCSD.



Support efforts to modernize the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Act, including support services and socioeconomic adjustments, to more accurately reflect the cost of public education and the limited availability of local funding in Paulding County, and advocate for the full, inflation-adjusted funding of the formula. Additionally, oppose Equalization Grant changes that would negatively impact PCSD funding.



Fully fund changes to the state literacy initiatives including literacy coaching and teacher stipends for mandatory professional learning outside of the school day.

Strengthening the Teacher Workforce



Support programs, funding, and incentives, including the protection of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), to strengthen the teacher pipeline at PCSD. This includes flexibility for return-to-work programs, as well as efforts to recruit, train, mentor, and retain quality educators.



When addressing the teacher pipeline, also advocate for and support programs, funding, and incentives for support services at PCSD, including classified employees.

Please note: Paulding County School District is one of the largest, fastest-growing and low-wealth school districts in Georgia, highly dependent on and vulnerable to legislative changes, including changes in State funding.

PCSD AT A GLANCE 2024-2025



31,518
STUDENTS



34
SCHOOLS

+ 3,317 STUDENTS IN PAST 10 YEARS



11th Largest and
8th Fastest Growing
School District in Georgia

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Academies

Academy of Science, Research & Medicine | PCHS
Academy of Computer Science | HHS
Academy of Engineering & Technology | SPHS
Paulding College & Career Academy
Paulding Virtual Academy

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Caucasian	Black	Hispanic	Other
2024	46%	32%	14%	8%
2014	65%	21%	8%	6%

STUDENT SERVICES

11%
Gifted

15%
Special
Education

7%
English
Learners

54%
Free/
Reduced Lunch

90.3% GRADUATION RATE
2,333 Graduates

162 New Classrooms Completed or Under Construction Since 2023



25,000
Meals Served
Daily



23,000
Bus Miles Driven
Daily



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
1,762 Overall Pathway
Completers
1,285 Industry Credentials Issued



SAFETY & SECURITY
58 Staff Plus **20** SROs
Crisis Alert System at all schools



186,255 School Nurse Visits Per Year



17 Consecutive Audits With Zero Findings
Aa1 Very High Grade - Credit Rating

COST PER STUDENT

Total	10% lower	23% lower	Local
PCSD	\$13,785	\$5,173	PCSD
State Average	\$15,338	\$6,680	State Average



At age **65**
50% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

At age **68**
100% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

COMPARISON TO NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS (Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas)

E-SPLIST COLLECTIONS

	(PER STUDENT)
PCSD	\$0.41
Local District Avg.	\$1.00

MILLAGE RATE

PCSD	17.675
Local District Avg.	18.393

TAX DIGEST

	RESIDENTIAL	OTHER
PCSD	86%	14%
Local District Avg.	62%	38%

EMPLOYMENT



4,068
EMPLOYEES

LARGEST
EMPLOYER IN PAULDING COUNTY

72.7%
TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES