

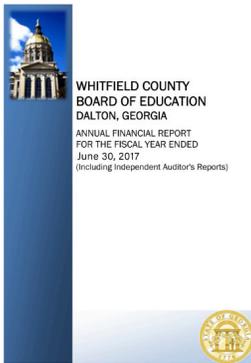
3 Goal

Finance

Ensure fiscal stability and increase reserves through sound financial practices.

Third-Year Focus

The *Whitfield County Schools Five-Year Strategic Plan* lists two objectives for Finance, each with several action steps. We focused on two of those action steps during this third year.



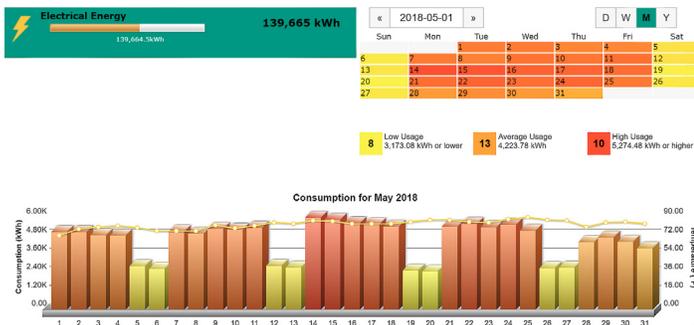
Clean Audit Report

As of June 30, 2017, the State of Georgia, Department of Audits, issued a clean audit report of the Whitfield County School System financial statements.

Whitfield County Schools is the 27th largest of Georgia's 180 public school districts and ranks 127th in spending per pupil, according to expenditure reports published by the Georgia Department of Education.



Energy Conservation Continues to Increase Budget Savings



The school district has saved over **\$217,000** in utility charges since staff began to focus on energy conservation. This is a \$93,000 increase from last year's efforts.

Upgrades to the Pleasant Grove Elementary and Dawnville Elementary HVAC systems, reduction of identified peak demand, changes to HVAC and lighting schedules, and identifying and repairing water infrastructure components have contributed to the savings this year.

“ With the Whitfield County School System receiving a clean financial audit report, along with strategic financial planning, efforts to continuously improve the financial health of the system are evident. ”

—DR. JUDY GILREATH – SUPERINTENDENT

Action Steps

Learn from spending data

Analyzed expenditures for trends and spikes.

Continue to improve reporting

Received a clean audit management and advisory report.



A NEW
VALLEY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS



KRH ARCHITECTS

Focusing on the Finance strategic plan goals, the district has been able to allocate over \$6 million of general fund dollars to begin the replacement of Valley Point Middle School. As a result, the district will incur less debt and relieve interest payments for the school district.

Inventory Progress

16 of 24 phases complete

(phases expanded from 18 to better categorize inventory items)

1. Projectors
2. Interactive Boards
3. New Wireless Access Points
4. New Wireless Network Switches
5. Windows Laptops
6. Chromebooks
7. Mobile Technology Device Carts
8. Desktop Computers
9. iPads
10. Other Tablets
11. Port Replicators
12. Printers
13. Monitors
14. Misc. Computers
15. Misc. Equipment
16. Office Copiers

Remaining phases include: chorus/music equipment, band rooms, gym areas, auditoriums/theaters, science labs, art rooms, Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE), and Exceptional Student Services equipment.

\$9,019

average spending per pupil in Whitfield County Schools

\$416.7K

in diesel fuel savings funded three full-size buses and two activity buses

\$3.6M

received in grants for the district in 2018

100%

Energy Star software tracking consumption and demand charges