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**Gwinnett Legislative Delegation
County Services Pre-Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2014 – 7:45 AM**

Present: Charlotte J. Nash, Jace Brooks & Lynette Howard

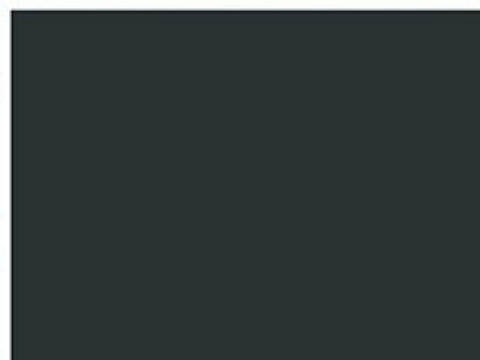
Absent: Tommy Hunter & John Heard

I. Joint Meeting with Gwinnett Legislative Delegation

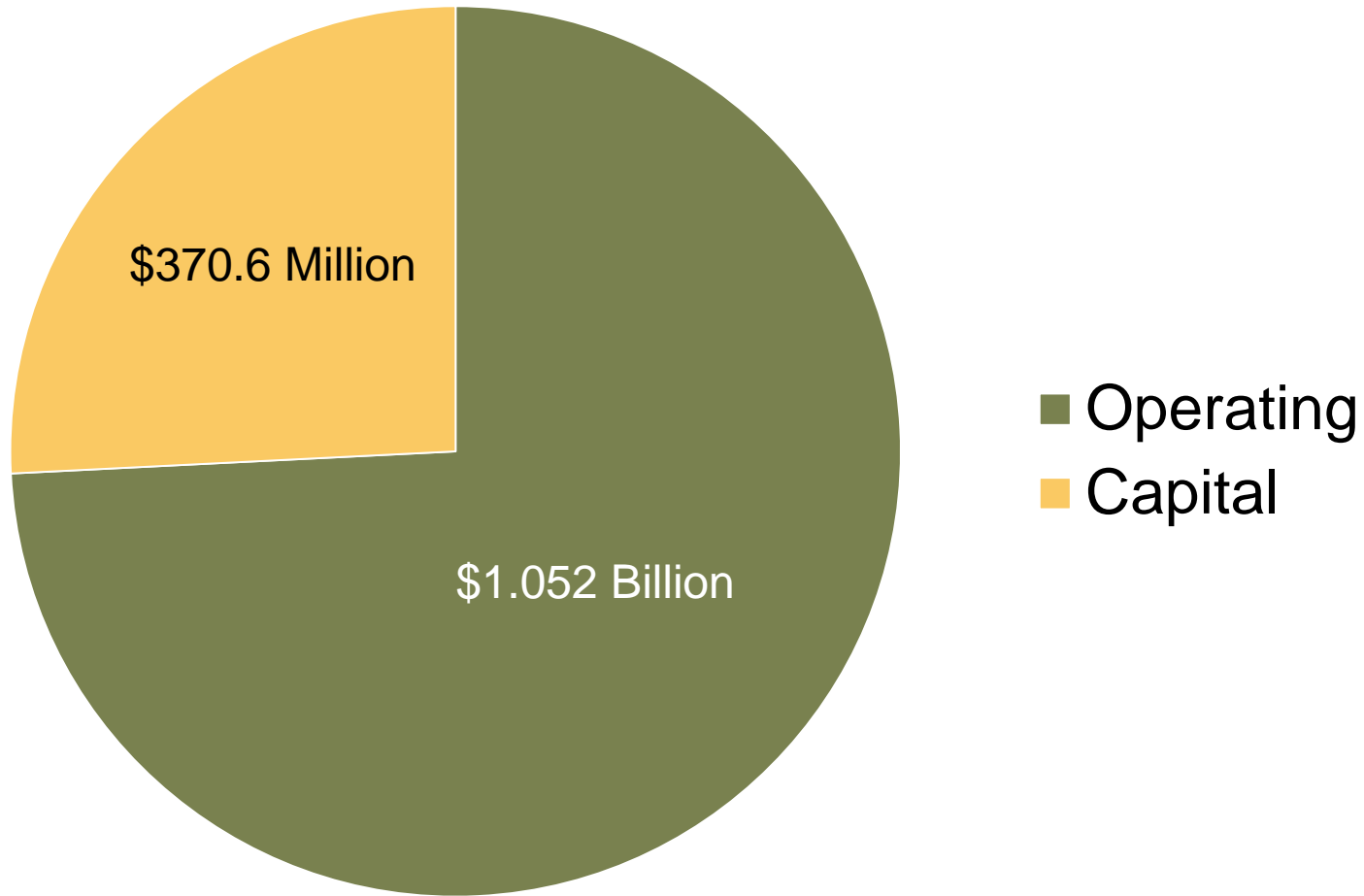
Staff from Gwinnett County Public Schools, Gwinnett County Health Department, Gwinnett County Government, View Point Health, Georgia Gwinnett College, and Gwinnett Technical College made presentations to the local legislative delegation on their funding needs for 2015. No Official Action Taken.



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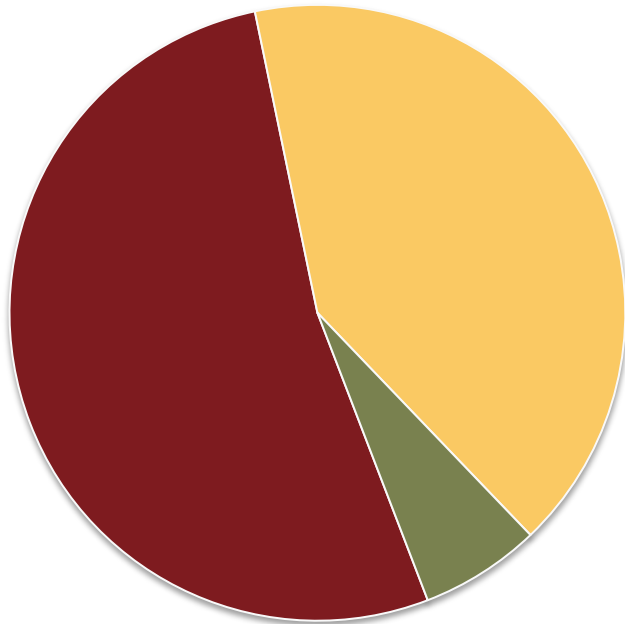


2015 Proposed Budget \$1.4 Billion

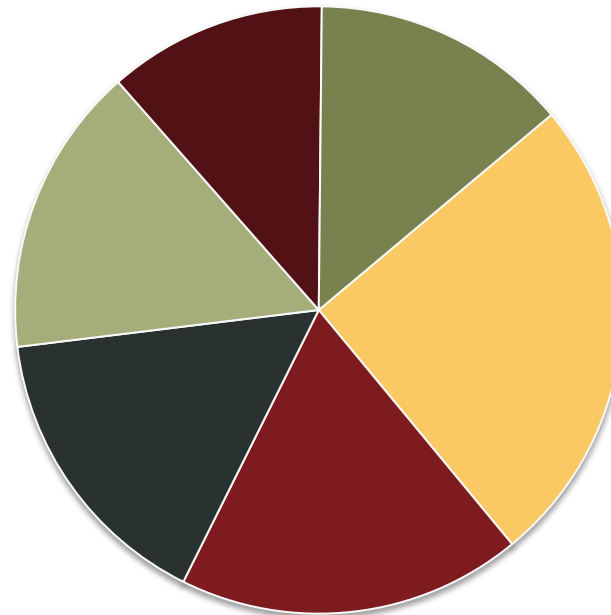


2015 Operating Budget: \$1.05 Billion

Revenues



Appropriations



Public Safety

Public Works

Judicial

General Government

Debt Service

All Other

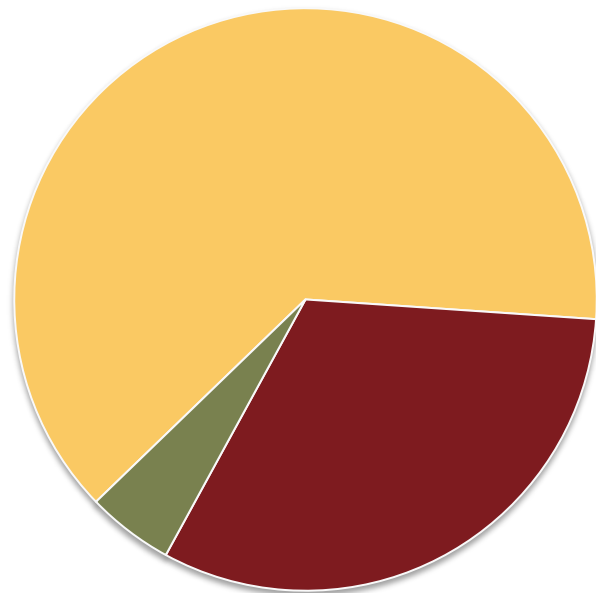
Charges for Services

Taxes

All Other

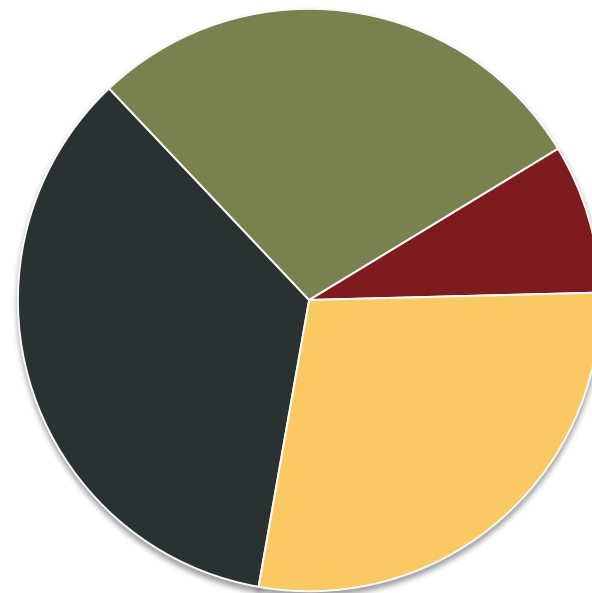
2015 Capital Budget: \$370.6 Million

By Fund



- SPLOST
- Enterprise
- Tax Related

By Department

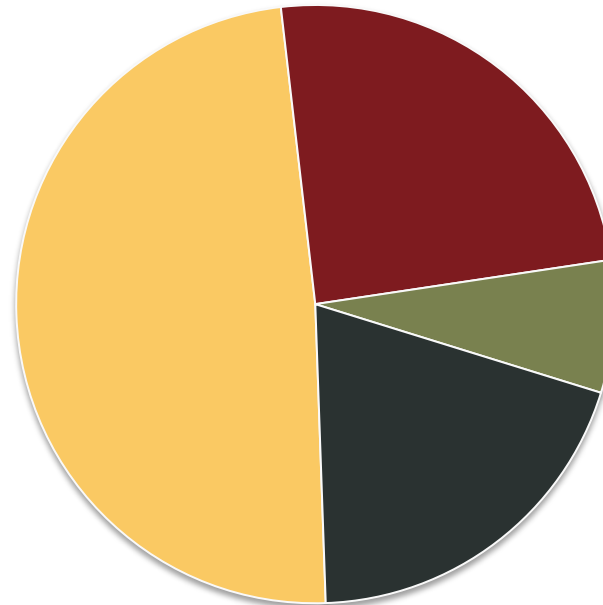
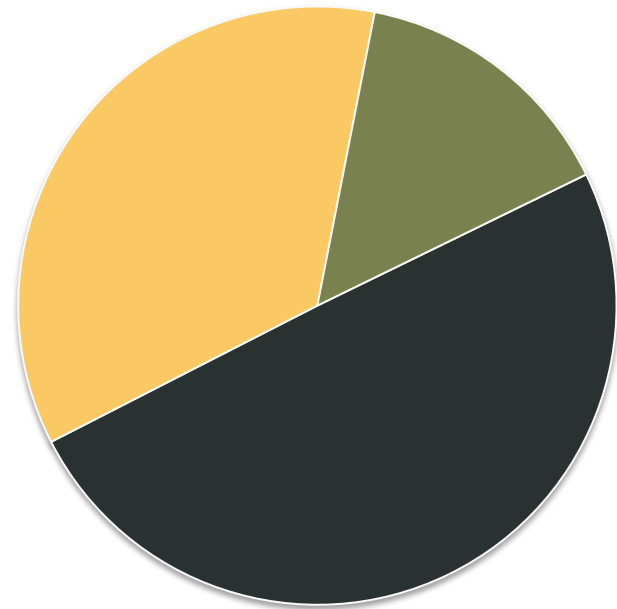


- Transportation
- Water Resources
- Public Safety
- All Other

2015 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program \$1.5 Billion

By Fund

By Department



- Water Resources
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- All Other

- Enterprise
- SPLOST
- Tax Related

9-1-1 Funding

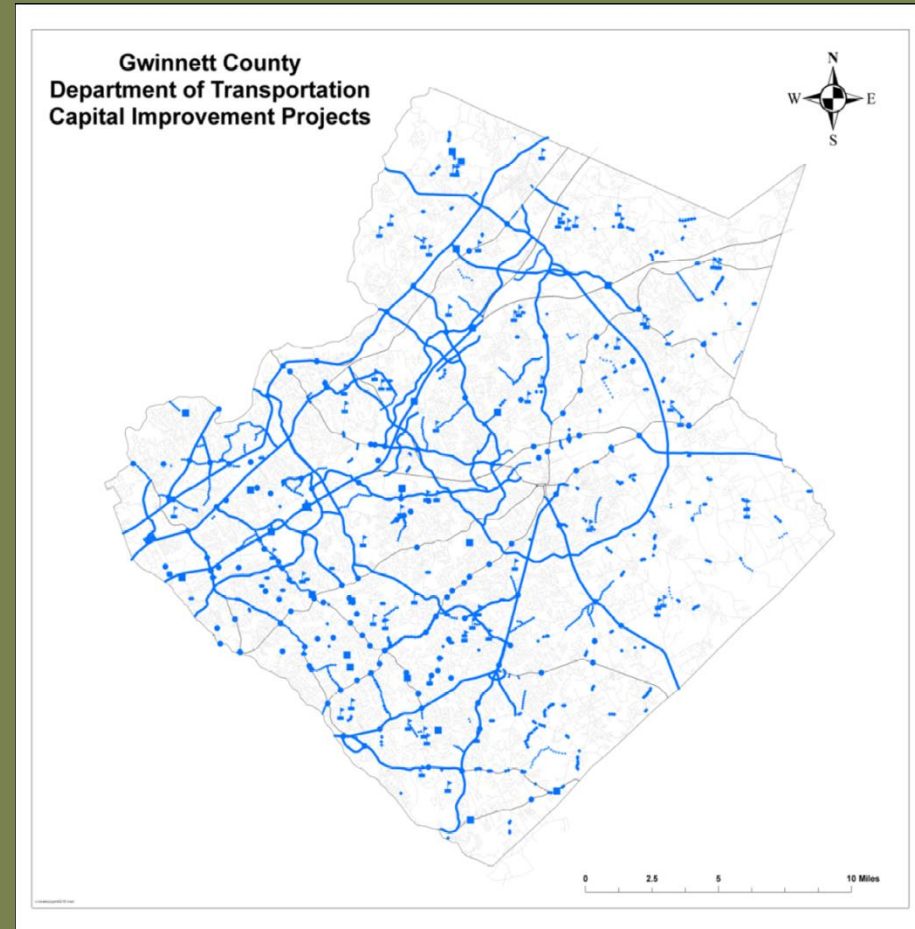
- **Statewide issue**
- **Two recent reviews at state level**
- **Changes in technology and user behavior**
- **Revenues not covering costs**
- **Currently using fund reserves**
- **In future, subsidies required**

Closing of Gwinnett County Regional Youth Detention Center

- **Gwinnett County RYDC closed six months ago**
- **Juvenile transports to facilities in Rockdale and Gainesville**
- **Adding a position to the Sheriff's Transportation Unit**
- **Distance from families and Juvenile services support system**

Transportation Spending

- Spent over \$1.5 billion for transportation over the past 30 years
- 2014 SPLOST program dedicates 70% of proceeds to transportation
- Leverage local dollars to jointly fund projects with State, Cities, CIDs



Transportation Funding

Gwinnett County Capital Projects on state routes

- **\$310.8 million toward capital projects on state routes**
- **Projects include:**
 - **SR 324 (widening I-85 to SR 124)**
 - **SR 120 (widening I-85 to Riverside Drive)**
 - **SR 140/JCB at Oakbrook (right turn lane)**
 - **SR 84 at US 78 (alignment/turn lanes)**



2015 General Assembly Gwinnett County BOC Proposed Legislative Agenda



December 1, 2014

Statewide Legislation for 2015 (listed alphabetically)

Clerk of Court – Clerk Retirement Fee Impact

- **Bill Summary: *Revise the current law to increase civil case filing fees to correct disparities in county budgets created by HB 487 (2009 General Assembly).***

Statewide Legislation for 2015 (listed alphabetically)

Property Tax Bills – Electronic Notification

- **Bill Summary: *Modify the current law to allow the Tax Commissioner to email property tax bills to property owners.***

Statewide Legislation for 2015 (listed alphabetically)

Sexual Offenses – Increase Penalties of Current Laws

- *Modify State law to increase penalties for sexual offenses (prostitution, pimping, and keeping a house of prostitution)*

Oppose

- **Any legislation prohibiting Inter-basin Transfers (IBT)**

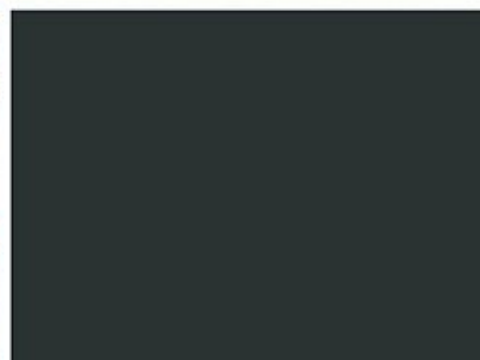
ACCG Legislative Agenda Top Priorities for 2015

- **Juvenile Justice (Funding, Court Support and Operations)**
 - **Property Tax Reform**
 - **Transportation Funding**

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Comments/Questions



Gwinnett County Public Schools 2015 Legislative Program Executive Summary

Funding

- Protect existing state and local revenue sources for Gwinnett County Public Schools by opposing any proposed legislation that would further erode the school district's funding. Since fiscal year 2003, austerity cuts have resulted in a loss of \$816.1 million in state revenue for Gwinnett County Public Schools.
- The Equalization Grant should be fully funded and continue to be part of the state's public school funding framework in order to ensure a base, minimum level of funding equity statewide.
- Gwinnett County Public Schools believes the current QBE formula provides a sound framework on which to base future state budget allocations for K-12 education. There is a need to continually review and update the formula to keep it current with students' education needs; however, the QBE formula's quantitative approach to ensuring a minimum level of state funding for K-12 education should be preserved. GCPS encourages members of the General Assembly to provide full funding for K-12 education as determined by the current QBE formula.
- Should a new funding formula be considered, we request adherence to the following conditions. The new formula should be:
 - Student driven – It should provide the funding required to meet each individual student's needs (i.e., Special Education, ELL, Gifted, etc.).
 - Quantitative – the formula should be based on an objective estimate of the cost of meeting students' educational needs and not simply be a function of allocating the amount available for appropriation each year.
 - Equitable, not just equal – As long as the property tax remains the sole source of local operating revenue for districts, some form of equalization funding should be retained so that less-wealthy districts have the necessary resources to provide their students an education that compares equitably to that provided by wealthier districts.
 - Fully funded – The state should appropriate K-12 education funds fully as required by the formula, as opposed to developing a formula that would generate a predetermined amount of funds to be appropriated.

Governance

- Gwinnett County Public Schools does not support proposed rules or guidance that would impede or hinder the constitutional authority of a local board of education; require mediation of denied charter petitions; require non-profit status for all charter schools; impose "substantial autonomy" as it applies to conversion and internal start-up charter schools; and increase bureaucracy through unnecessary state-mandated compliance.
- Gwinnett County Public Schools supports maintaining the full implementation of the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards as long as state and federal mandates do not impact or dictate the teaching of GCPS' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) Curriculum.
- Decisions relating to the school calendar, establishment of the instructional day, curriculum and student discipline should be left to local boards of education.

Fiscal and School Improvement Initiatives

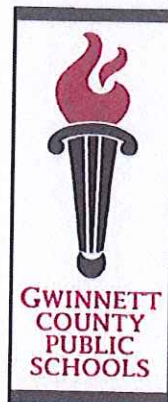
- Gwinnett County Public Schools seeks support on the following improvement initiatives:
 - A Constitutional Amendment to allow local school districts the flexibility to use a portion of the revenue generated from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for the operation of schools.
 - A comprehensive annual review of sales tax and state tax exemptions in order to monitor financial and budgetary impact. Oppose any additional sales and state tax exemptions.
 - Support the initiative for the implementation of a unified vision for public education in Georgia.
- Gwinnett County Public Schools asks that any additional attempts to shift healthcare costs from the state to local districts, both non-certificated or certificated, be opposed.

See over

Continuing Positions

- **Gwinnett County Public Schools seeks support on the following continuing positions:**
 - **Provide school systems with resources to maintain a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.**
 - **Resist efforts to provide contracts for classified employees.**
 - **Oppose vouchers and/or tuition tax credits, which erode public education funding and have no proven correlation to improved academic achievement.**
 - **Require a twelve-month hold on implementing new legislation, as well as a complete description of its fiscal, operational, and programmatic impact on schools and districts.**
 - **Continue to support the school district flexibility afforded, in exchange for greater accountability for student achievement, through the IE2 (Investing in Educational Excellence) partnership contracts between local systems and the State Board of Education.**
 - **Eliminate the July 1, 2015 "Sunset date" included in 20-2-167 (F) in order to permanently remove expenditure control requirements.**
 - **Fund capital outlay at the maximum levels for regular entitlement and exceptional growth.**

GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2015 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Gwinnett County Board of Education:

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District III

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District I

Dr. Robert McClure
District IV

Louise Radloff
District V

J. Alvin Wilbanks
CEO/Superintendent



Gwinnett County Public Schools 2015 Legislative Program

Core Beliefs of the Gwinnett County Board of Education

- Our core business is teaching and learning.
- All children can learn at or above grade level.
- All children should reach their learning potential.
- The school effect is important and has a profound impact on every child's life.
- A quality instructional program requires a rigorous curriculum, effective teaching, and ongoing assessment.
- All children should be taught in a safe and secure learning environment.

Vision

Gwinnett County Public Schools will become a system of world-class schools where students acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful as they continue their education at the postsecondary level and/or enter the workforce.

Mission

The mission of Gwinnett County Public Schools is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

Strategic Goals

Gwinnett County Public Schools will . . .

- Ensure a world-class education for all students by focusing on teaching and learning the Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum.
- Ensure a safe, secure, and orderly environment for all.
- Optimize student achievement through responsible stewardship of its financial resources and the proactive pursuit of all resources necessary to meet current and future demands.
- Recruit, employ, develop, and retain a workforce that achieves the mission and goals of the organization.
- Meet the continuing and changing demand for essential information through technological systems and processes that support effective performance and desired results.
- Provide and manage the system's facilities and operations in an exemplary manner as determined by programmatic needs and best management practices.
- Apply continuous quality improvement strategies and principles as the way the organization does business.

Gwinnett County Public Schools Funding

Understanding the economic times and the budget constraints that have been felt at the local, state, and national levels, the Board commits to continue its responsible stewardship of funds provided to support teaching and learning. However, the continuous reduction in funding, through the loss of local and/or state dollars, is jeopardizing our ability to provide students the quality and effective education our community demands and expects, maintain a sound financial position, and retain a AAA bond rating. No legislation should be passed that would erode existing revenue sources at the state or local level.

Appropriations

Fully fund the QBE state funding formula as set forth in state statute, to include equalization funding, thus protecting the K-12 education appropriation from further austerity reductions. Since FY2003, austerity cuts to the QBE funding formula have resulted in a loss of state revenue for Gwinnett County Public Schools of \$816.1 million.

State QBE Formula Funding Lost

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Funding Lost</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2003 | \$10.7 million |
| 2004 | \$22.9 million |
| 2005 | \$27.6 million |
| 2006 | \$27.0 million |
| 2007 | \$15.5 million |
| 2008 | \$13.4 million |
| 2009 | \$47.4 million* |
| 2010 | \$132.7 million** |
| 2011 | \$107.9 million*** |
| 2012 | \$113.9 million |
| 2013 | \$113.3 million |
| 2014 | \$107.0 million |
| 2015 | <u>\$76.8 million</u> |
| Total Loss | \$816.1 million |

Notes:

*** For FY11, the State used Federal Stabilization funds of \$12,397,558 to offset a portion of the austerity reduction. The net austerity reduction will be \$95,509,018.

** For FY10, the State used Federal Stabilization funds of \$60,851,349 to offset a portion of the austerity reduction. The net austerity reduction was \$71,886,294.

* For FY09, the State used Federal Stabilization funds of \$15,171,612 to offset a portion of the austerity reduction. The net austerity reduction was \$32,202,827.

Public School Funding Formula

- Gwinnett County Public Schools believes the current QBE formula provides a sound framework on which to base future state budget allocations for K-12 education. There is a need to continually review and update the formula to keep it current with students' education needs; however, the QBE formula's quantitative approach to ensuring a minimum level of state funding for K-12 education should be preserved. GCPS encourages members of the General Assembly to provide full funding for K-12 education as determined by the current QBE formula.

Should a new funding formula be considered, we request adherence to the following conditions. The new formula should be:

- Student driven - It should provide the funding required to meet each individual student's needs (i.e., Special Education, ELL, Gifted, etc.).
- Quantitative - the formula should be based on an objective estimate of the cost of meeting students' educational needs and not simply be a function of allocating the amount available for appropriation each year.
- Equitable, not just equal - As long as the property tax remains the sole source of local operating revenue for districts, some form of equalization funding should be retained so that less-wealthy districts have the necessary resources to provide their students an education that compares equitably to that provided by wealthier districts.
- Fully funded - The state should appropriate K-12 education funds fully as required by the formula, as opposed to developing a formula that would generate a predetermined amount of funds to be appropriated.

The Equalization Grant should be fully funded and continue to be part of the state's public school funding framework in order to ensure a base, minimum level of funding equity statewide.

Gwinnett County Public Schools Governance

Gwinnett County Public Schools opposes any legislation that usurps the authority of the Gwinnett County Board of Education to govern our public schools. Such legislation is a direct affront to the Constitutional powers given to local boards of education. It is through the local board's management and control that each school system can meet the educational needs and expectations of the community. We urge your commitment to protect and reaffirm the Constitutional authority of the duly elected Gwinnett County Board of Education to provide educational services at the local level through its system of public schools.

Maintain Local Control of Public Education

Local boards should retain their authority in the following areas:

Local Revenue Sources

Local boards of education should not be restricted by legislation from levying local ad valorem taxes to ensure funding for the quality K-12 educational programs their citizens expect. Any change in the tax code that would adversely affect the ability of local boards of education to generate local revenue should be opposed.

Charter Schools

Gwinnett County Public Schools supports charter schools as authorized in the Charter Schools Act of 1998. GCPS supports holding charter schools accountable to the same level of academic achievement and financial stewardship expected of all public schools. We also support the allocation of funding to charter schools (i.e., state special schools or locally approved charter schools) which is no more or no less favorable than the allocation provided by statute to public schools.

GCPS does not support proposed rules or guidance that would impede or hinder the constitutional authority of a local board of education; require mediation of denied charter petitions; require non-profit status for all charter schools; impose "substantial autonomy" as it applies to conversion and internal start-up charter schools; and increase bureaucracy through unnecessary state-mandated compliance.

Curriculum/Discipline

Decisions relating to curriculum and student discipline should be left to local boards of education. No additional legislation is necessary that requires LEA's to implement further measures to prevent bullying.

Curriculum and Standards

Gwinnett County Public Schools supports the state maintaining its commitment to full implementation of the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards as long as state and federal mandates do not impact or dictate the teaching of GCPS' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) Curriculum.

Calendar

Establishment of the annual school-year calendar, including starting and ending dates, and the establishment of the instructional day should rest solely with local boards of education.

Fiscal and School Improvement Initiatives**Tax Reform**

Support calling for a Constitutional amendment to allow local school districts the flexibility to use a portion of the revenue generated from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for the operation of schools.

Tax Exemptions

Support a comprehensive annual review of sales tax and state tax exemptions, in order to eliminate any financial and budgetary impact on local educational agencies.

Vision for Public Education in Georgia

Gwinnett County Public Schools urges the Georgia General Assembly to refrain from adopting legislation that is in conflict with the recommendations in the "Vision for Public Education in Georgia."

Health Benefits Costs

Gwinnett County Public Schools requests that the Georgia General Assembly oppose any additional attempts to shift the healthcare benefit costs for non-certificated employees from the State to local school districts, as has occurred over the past few years. Likewise, lawmakers are urged to resist any attempts to begin a similar shift of certificated employee health care benefit costs away from the State to the local district.

Gwinnett County Public Schools Continuing Positions

Maintain a Safe and Secure Environment for Teaching and Learning

The safety and security of students at school is a priority. Federal, State, and local agencies need to provide school districts with the resources to maintain a safe and secure environment for students in order to support current policies and procedures.

Resist Efforts to Provide Contracts for Classified Employees

Local systems should not be required to provide contracts of employment for classified employees. Emphasis should be put on enhancing the benefits provided for classified employees.

Oppose Vouchers and/or Tuition Tax Credits

Legislation that allocates public funds for private schools or home study programs through voucher or tuition tax credits or scholarships should be opposed. No verifiable, objective research exists that correlates vouchers or tuition tax credits with improved academic achievement. Furthermore, vouchers or tuition tax credits erode public education funding, thereby limiting the programs and services available for students who attend public schools.

Require Impact Statement for Any New Legislation

Establish a mandatory, minimum 12-month waiting period prior to the implementation of any new state education legislation. In addition, require a clear and complete description of the potential fiscal, operational, and programmatic impact of the legislation on local schools and school districts.

Support Flexibility for Local School Systems

Continue supporting legislation that provides local educational agencies options to implement flexibility in order to increase student achievement and operational effectiveness. Furthermore, we request the elimination of the July 1, 2015 "sunset date" included in 20-2-167 (f) in order to permanently eliminate expenditure control requirements.

Fund Capital Outlay at Maximum Levels

Fund capital outlay at the 100% funding level for both Regular Entitlement and Exceptional Growth.

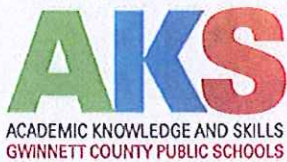
**Shortfalls in State Funding K-12
FY2015**

| Requests | Gwinnett's Total Cost | State Funds | Gwinnett's Funds | State Percentage | Local Percentage |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maintenance and Operations | \$103,444,000 ['15] | \$51,463,000 ['15] | \$51,981,000 ['15] | 49.75% ['15] | 50.25% ['15] |
| | \$96,196,000 ['14] | \$51,463,000 ['14] | \$44,733,000 ['14] | 53.50% ['14] | 46.50% ['14] |
| | \$89,324,000 ['13] | \$50,009,000 ['13] | \$39,315,000 ['13] | 55.99% ['13] | 44.01% ['13] |
| | \$89,544,000 ['12] | \$49,008,000 ['12] | \$40,536,000 ['12] | 54.73% ['12] | 45.27% ['12] |
| | \$88,802,000 ['11] | \$48,553,000 ['11] | \$40,249,000 ['11] | 54.68% ['11] | 45.32% ['11] |
| Instructional Materials, Supplies and Textbooks | \$34,500,000 ['15] | \$18,150,000 ['15] | \$16,350,000 ['15] | 52.61% ['15] | 47.39% ['15] |
| | \$32,107,000 ['14] | \$17,708,000 ['14] | \$14,399,000 ['14] | 55.15% ['14] | 44.85% ['14] |
| | \$24,065,000 ['13] | \$14,560,000 ['13] | \$9,505,000 ['13] | 60.50% ['13] | 39.50% ['13] |
| | \$15,490,000 ['12] | \$14,158,000 ['12] | \$1,332,000 ['12] | 91.40% ['12] | 8.60% ['12] |
| | \$16,059,000 ['11] | \$13,963,000 ['11] | \$2,096,000 ['11] | 86.95% ['11] | 13.05% ['11] |
| Training and Experience Lag | \$6,000,000 ['15] | | \$6,000,000 ['15] | | 100.00% ['15] |
| | \$3,200,000 ['14] | | \$3,200,000 ['14] | | 100.00% ['14] |
| | \$6,100,000 ['13] | | \$6,100,000 ['13] | 0.0 | 100.00% ['13] |
| | \$7,500,000 ['12] | | \$7,500,000 ['12] | | 100.00% ['12] |
| | \$7,200,000 ['11] | | \$7,200,000 ['11] | | 100.00% ['11] |
| Sick and Personal Leave | \$10,869,000 ['15] | \$1,723,000 ['15] | \$9,146,000 ['15] | 15.85% ['15] | 84.15% ['15] |
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| | \$11,101,000 ['13] | \$1,662,000 ['13] | \$9,439,000 ['13] | 14.97% ['13] | 85.03% ['13] |
| | \$10,918,000 ['12] | \$1,615,000 ['12] | \$9,303,000 ['12] | 14.79% ['12] | 85.21% ['12] |
| | \$10,910,000 ['11] | \$1,592,000 ['11] | \$9,318,000 ['11] | 14.59% ['11] | 85.41% ['11] |
| Transportation (State-mandated services only, estimated) | \$69,026,000 ['15] | \$5,159,000 ['15] | \$63,867,000 ['15] | 7.47% ['15] | 92.53% ['15] |
| | \$65,928,000 ['14] | \$5,180,000 ['14] | \$60,748,000 ['14] | 7.86% ['14] | 92.14% ['14] |
| | \$63,660,000 ['13] | \$5,174,000 ['13] | \$58,486,000 ['13] | 8.13% ['13] | 91.87% ['13] |
| | \$61,707,000 ['12] | \$5,206,000 ['12] | \$56,501,000 ['12] | 8.44% ['12] | 91.56% ['12] |
| | \$60,970,000 ['11] | \$5,419,000 ['11] | \$55,551,000 ['11] | 8.89% ['11] | 91.11% ['11] |
| Gwinnett Retirement System | \$37,016,000 ['15] | | \$37,016,000 ['15] | | 100.00% ['15] |
| | \$29,555,000 ['14] | | \$29,555,000 ['14] | | 100.00% ['14] |
| | \$20,885,000 ['13] | | \$20,885,000 ['13] | 0.0 | 100.00% ['13] |
| | \$39,393,000 ['12] | | \$39,393,000 ['12] | | 100.00% ['12] |
| | \$40,184,000 ['11] | | \$40,184,000 ['11] | | 100.00% ['11] |
| Austerity Reduction (See notes 1-2) | \$76,824,000 ['15] | | \$76,824,000 ['15] | | 100.00% ['15] |
| | \$107,046,000 ['14] | | \$107,046,000 ['14] | | 100.00% ['14] |
| | \$113,310,000 ['13] | | \$113,310,000 ['13] | 0.0 | 100.00% ['13] |
| | \$113,870,000 ['12] | | \$113,870,000 ['12] | | 100.00% ['12] |
| | \$107,907,000 ['11] | | \$107,907,000 ['11] | | 100.00% ['11] |

Notes:

- 1) For FY11, the State used Stabilization funds of \$12,397,558 to offset a portion of the austerity reduction. The net austerity reduction was \$95,509,018.

Prior years' figures are based on actual costs. Current year figures reflect FY2015 budget projections.



An Update on the Core of Teaching and Learning in Gwinnett County Public Schools (2014–15)

A topic of much discussion today is the Common Core State Standards, often referred to as the “Common Core.” For some, that talk has led to confusion and distrust, so it is understandable that Gwinnett County parents and community members might have questions about the school system’s position on this topic. The information below is intended to clarify some matters of concern that have surfaced in these discussions.

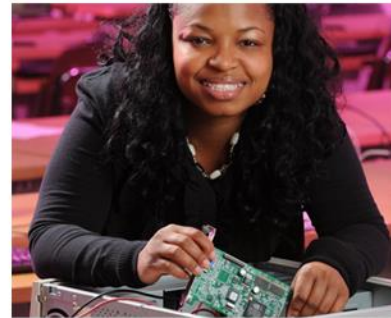
- The Common Core State Standards are just that... standards that define *what* students should know and be able to do. They are not the curriculum that is taught in the classroom and they do not drive the choice of instructional resources that teachers use. School districts determine their own curriculum. In Gwinnett, the essential curriculum has been and will continue to be the Academic Knowledge and Skills, or AKS. Neither the federal government nor the U.S. Department of Education determines the content of the AKS curriculum.
- Since its adoption in 1996, the AKS has been reviewed annually by people in Gwinnett (educators and non-educators) to ensure it reflects and meets our community’s expectations for what our students should be learning.
- The AKS curriculum does not promote or “push” any political or ideological agenda... it promotes the high academic standards and rigor that students will need to be fully prepared for the next grade, the next level of school, college, and careers.
- Just as local districts determine the curriculum, they also select the instructional materials (print and digital) that will best deliver that curriculum.
- In Gwinnett, instructional materials are carefully selected through a process that involves teachers, parents, and community members. That process helps ensure that the resources chosen are free of bias; appropriate for the subject area and students’ ages and social/emotional development; and meet high standards of quality in factual content and presentation.
- Common Core concerns frequently focus on specific instructional resources, such as textbooks. However, Gwinnett teachers teach the AKS, not the textbook. Instructional resources do not dictate curriculum; they are used to support the teaching and learning of our AKS.
- Some instructional resources may refer to certain concepts that some find objectionable. For example, Language Arts materials may reference the use of “literary perspectives” in teaching a particular novel or literary work. The AKS does not specify which, if any, literary perspective should be applied in a particular reading assignment.
- Although textbook publishers package materials in units, GCPS does not recommend that teachers teach units as defined by the textbook. Instead our teachers use model instructional units that are based on the district’s instructional calendars and that promote effective teaching. Teachers have the flexibility to determine the material, within a textbook or other resources, that best supports student learning of our rigorous AKS curriculum.
- Our AKS curriculum and the instructional materials that are used in Gwinnett classrooms are not driven by any outside group or agency... they are driven by our community’s input and expectations.
- Gwinnett County Public Schools’ focus on standards ensures that...
 - Students in all classrooms throughout the county are taught to a high level;
 - Courses are rigorous; and
 - Students learn the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful.

This focus is consistent with the intent behind the Common Core State Standards and that is why Gwinnett County Public Schools is a proponent of the Common Core.

Additional information on the Common Core in Gwinnett County Public Schools can be found on the district’s website at



RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE NOW



Gwinnett Legislative Delegation County Services Pre-Session Meeting

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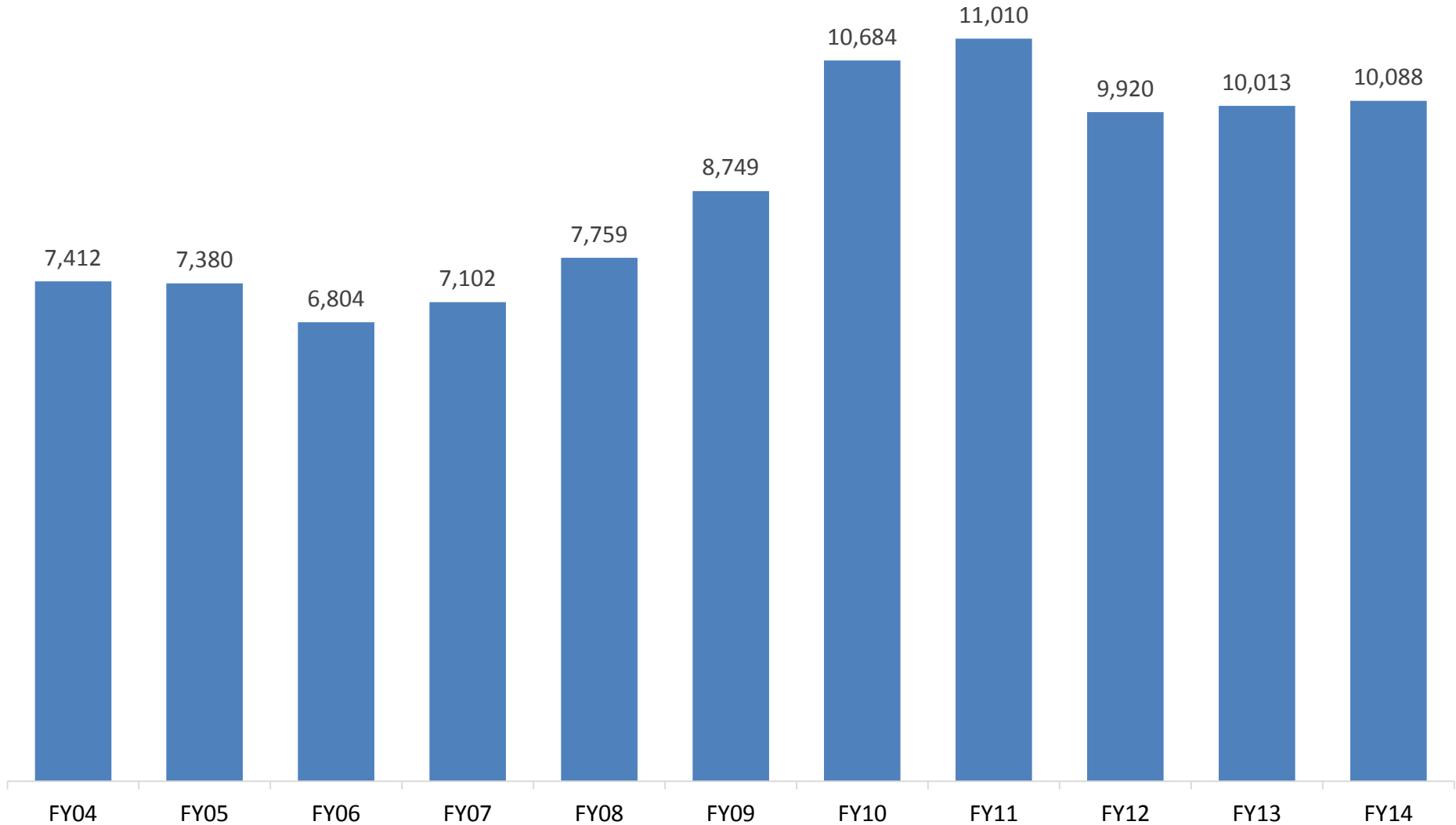


Our Mission

JOBS.



Campus Credit Enrollment FY2004 - FY2014

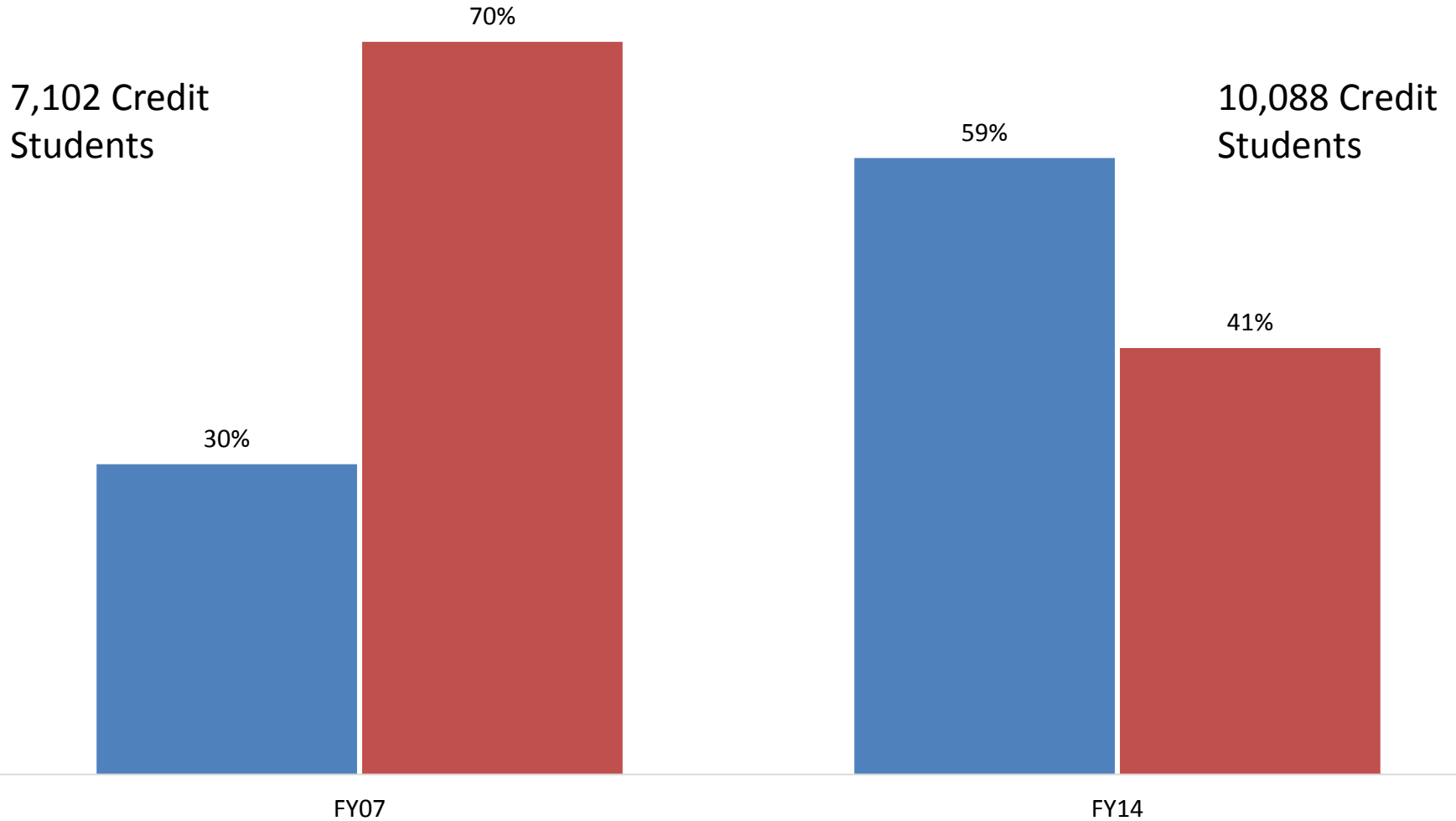


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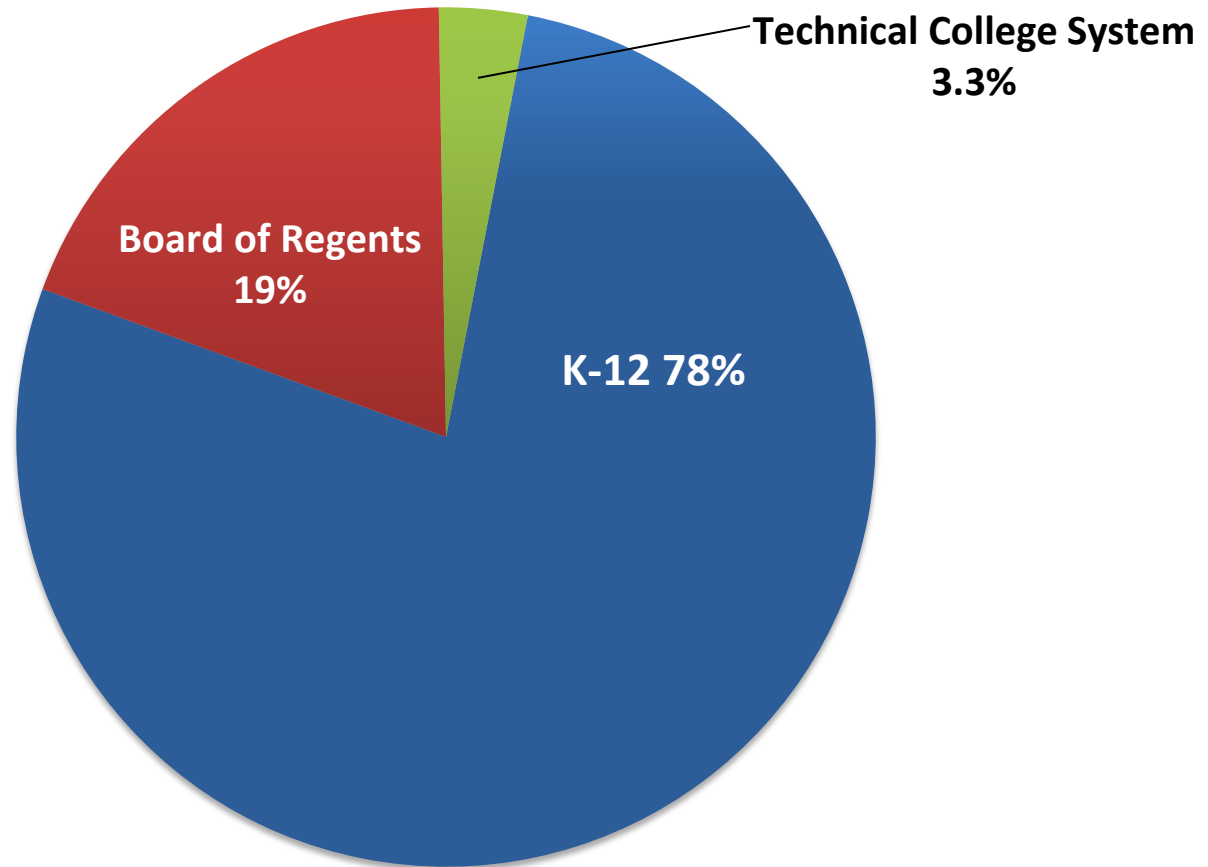


Gwinnett Tech Operating Revenue Sources FY2007 vs. FY2014

■ Tuition Revenue ■ State Appropriations



Georgia's Education Budget



■ K-12 ■ Board of Regents ■ Technical College System



TCSG/GTC Legislative Priorities

- Level Operations Funding
- Major Repair and Renovating (MRR) Funds: \$7,500,000
 - \$7,000,000 System-wide prior year
 - GTC received \$231,000



Special Funding Initiatives for Consideration

- Increase in Full-time Faculty: \$17,625,000 System-wide
 - Approximately 4% increase in full-time/part-time ratio
 - Current ratio is approximately 35% / 65%
 - Goal would be to eventually reach 50% / 50%



Special Funding Initiatives for Consideration

- Adult Education Full-time Faculty: \$2,477,671 System-wide
 - Current ratio is 17% / 83%
 - This would raise ratio to 20% / 80%
- Go Back, Move Ahead: \$2,000,000 for the System
 - Assists students in navigation and analysis of past and future degree plans



Special Funding Initiatives for Consideration

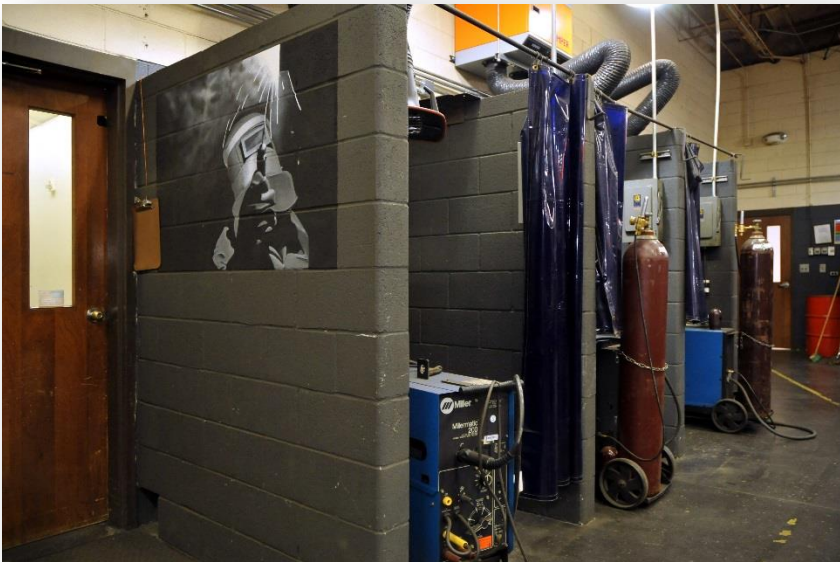
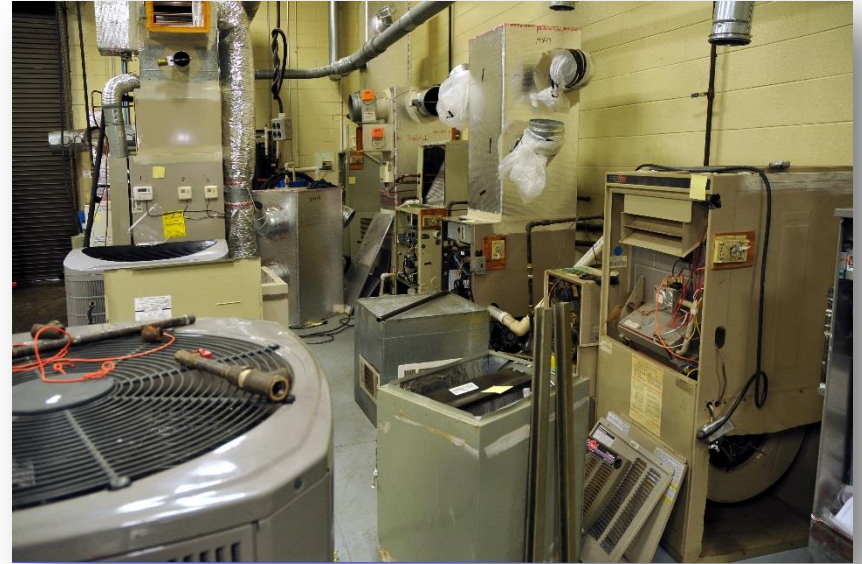
- Military Support for Returning Veterans: \$2,420,000 System-wide
- North Fulton Campus: \$1,278,941 (GTC specific funds)
 - 8 months of funding
- Programming Boot Camps: \$1,500,000 System-wide
 - The need for applicants in this specialized field is not being met. This will assist in closing this gap.

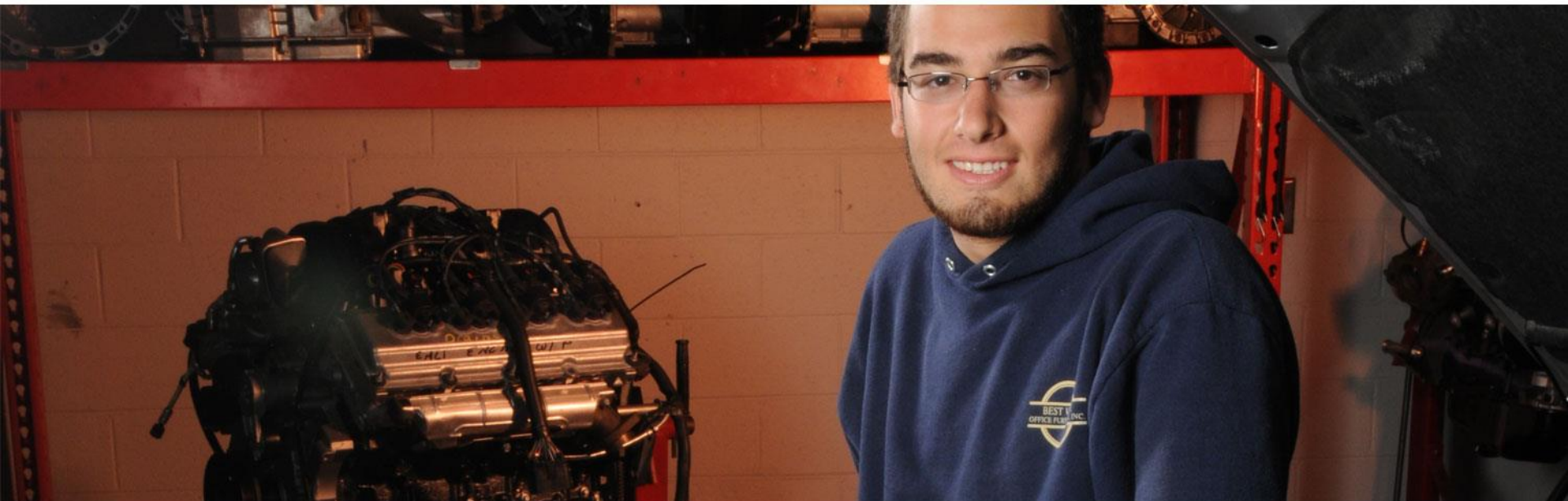


Special Funding Initiatives for Consideration

- World Class Labs Renovation: \$72,000,000 System-wide
 - Most Vital Need to Remain Competitive
 - GTC Will Use the Funds:
 - Echocardiography
 - Surgical Technology
 - Diagnostic Medical Sonography
 - Information Security Specialist and Networking Specialist
 - Welding and Joining Technology
 - Early Childhood Care & Education
 - Internet Specialist/Web Application Developer

Current Labs & Equipment





The Year Ahead at GTC

- Implement Next Steps in Academic Completion Model (Student Success)
 - Achieving the Dream College
 - Move On When Ready
 - Complete College Georgia
 - Accelerating Opportunities



The Year Ahead at GTC

- Continued Analysis of Workforce Needs and Assuring Programs Offered Align with Business and Industry Needs
- Implement Re-Design of our Student Services Model
- Complete Construction of North Fulton Campus



**Gwinnett Tech
Appreciates Your
Continued
Support!**




Georgia Gwinnett
COLLEGE





VIEW POINT *Health*

A Total Care Perspective

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Mission

To promote overall health and improve quality of life by ensuring the delivery of effective behavioral and physical health care that meets the needs of communities we serve

Board of Directors *appointed by County Commissioners of Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton Counties*

Gwinnett County:

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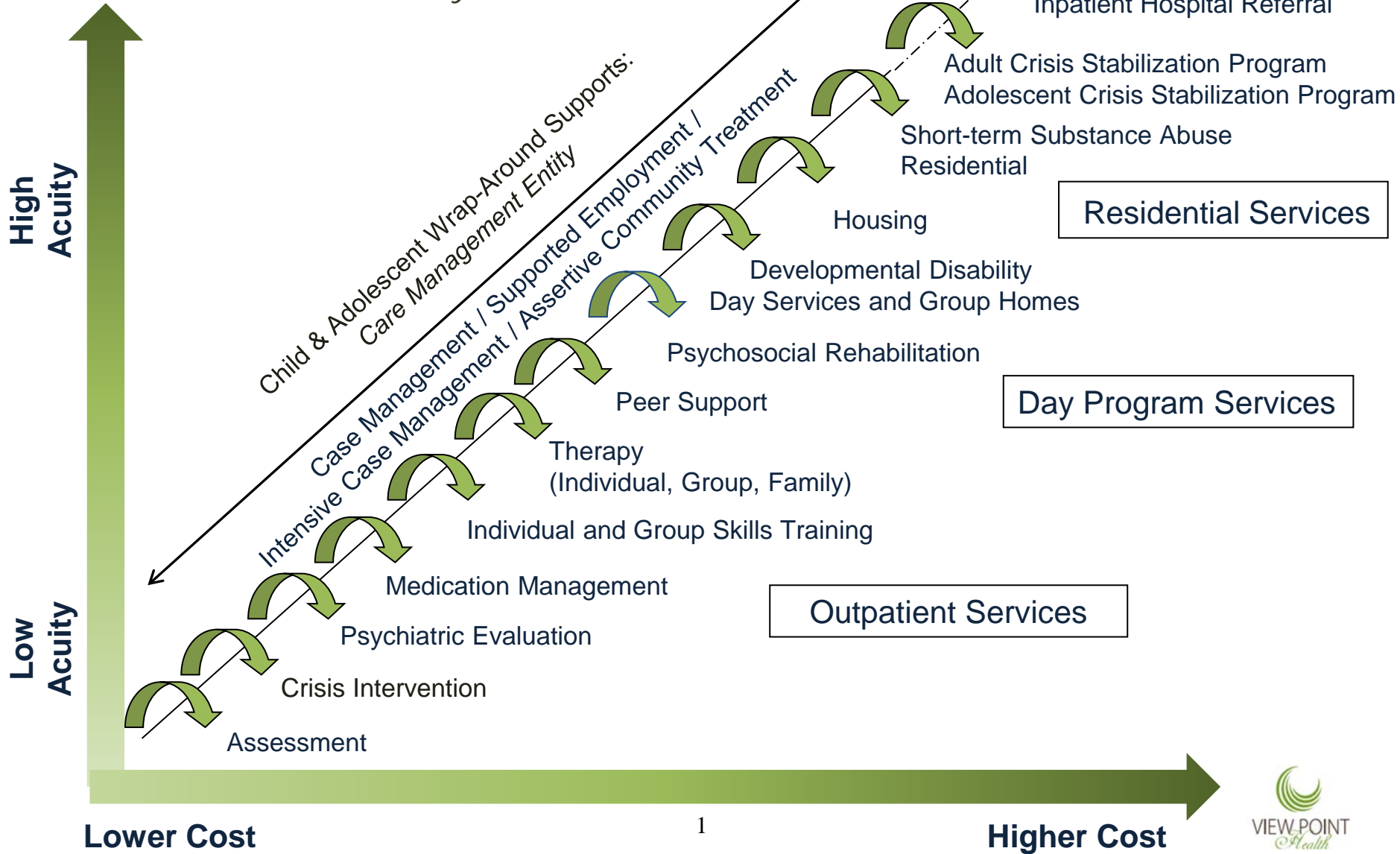
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View Point Health

Evidence-Based Recovery Services

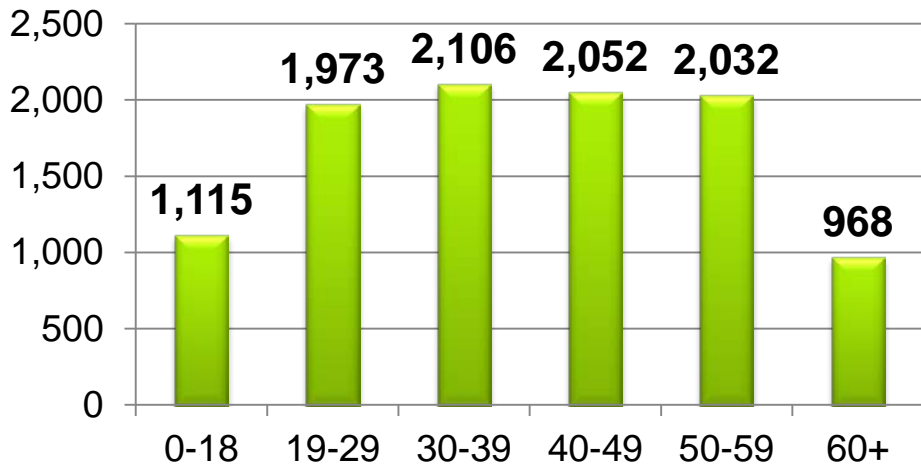


Who do we serve? (FY14 data)

- ✓ Uninsured/Underinsured
- ✓ Low-Income Medicaid
- ✓ Peachcare
- ✓ Aging/Elderly Medicare
- ✓ Insured
- ✓ Veterans

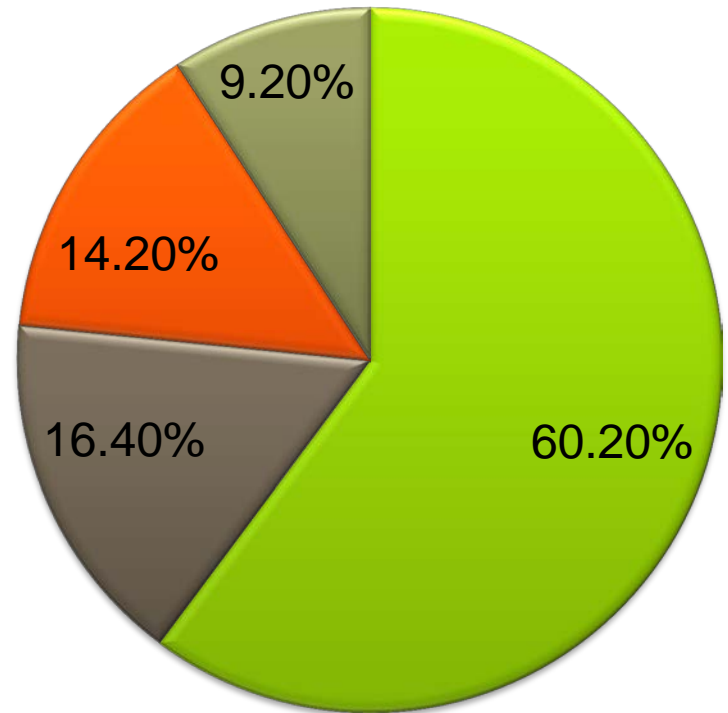
FY14 = 10,246 served
8,263 served in Gwinnett

Clients Served by Age



Fund Source Mix

- STATE FUNDED
- PRIVATE/VETERANS
- MEDICAID
- MEDICARE



Integrated Care

- Four Corners Primary Care
 - Satellite location at Lawrenceville Center
 - 2 exam rooms
 - Co-located next door to Norcross Center
- Support
 - Grant funding from Walton and Jackson EMC's supplement co-pays, medication and lab costs.



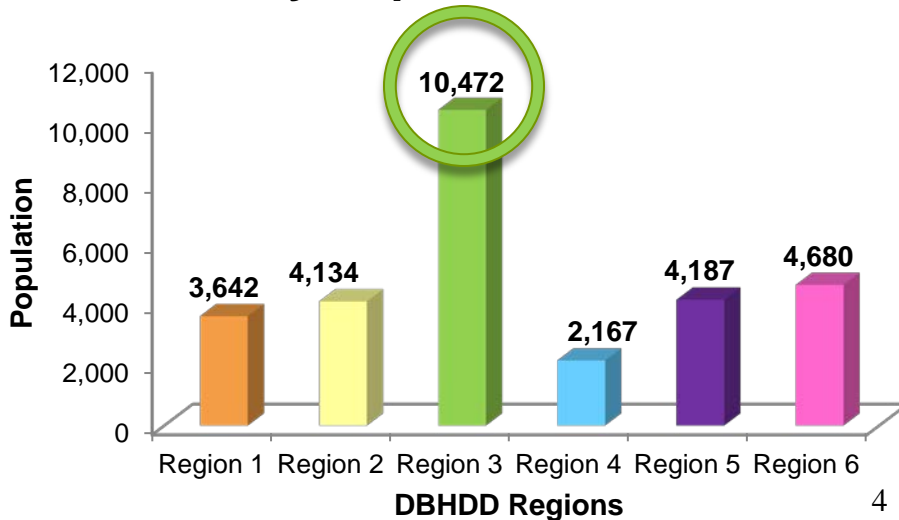
| 2014 | Four Corners Primary Care | Oakhurst Medical Centers |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| May | 270 | 358 |
| June | 330 | 373 |
| July | 350 | 423 |
| August | 301 | 419 |
| September | 293 | 429 |

Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit

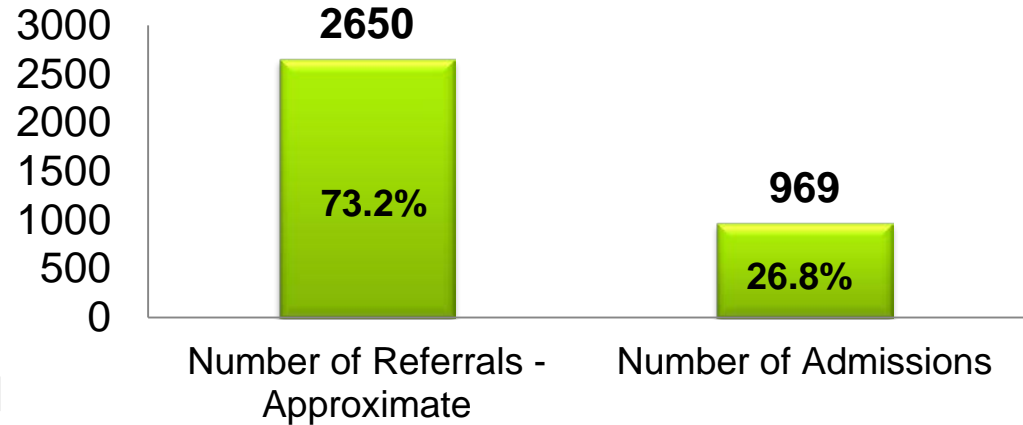
Community Development Block Grant

- Additional group rooms
- Increase beds from 16 to 23
- Add evaluation and observation space

Poverty Population Per Bed



Referrals vs. Admissions



Programmatic Funding

- DBHDD FY16 appropriations request includes funding to support the expansion.

Gwinnett Re-Entry Intervention Program

- Gwinnett Reentry Intervention Program (GRIP) is a collaboration between the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department and United Way in an effort to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals returning to jails or prisons.
- GRIP Services include:
 - Transitional Housing and Case Management
 - Connection to mental and primary health services
 - Employment assistance services
 - Screening and application for benefits (SSI/SSDI, Food stamps)
 - Financial Literacy courses
- View Point Health Re-Entry Supported Employment
 - 100% of clients are in stable housing
 - 95% of clients have not been hospitalized in past 90 days
 - 90% of clients have remained in community and have not been incarcerated in past 90 days
 - 43% of clients are gainfully employed with competitive jobs



Court Services



Drug court sentence costs over \$10,000 less than a prison sentence.

Drug Court is 72% to 80% less than the daily cost of other traditional sentencing options for drug offenders.

| County | Year Established | # of Clients Served |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Gwinnett DUI Court | 2005 | 640 |
| Gwinnett Drug Court | 2005 | 469 |
| Rockdale DUI Court | 2007 | 132 |
| Gwinnett Juvenile Drug Court | 2012 | 25 |
| Gwinnett Mental Health Court | 2012 | 41 |
| Rockdale Drug Court | 2013 | 35 |
| Newton Drug Court | 2013 | 35 |
| Newton Mental Health Court | 2013 | 15 |
| Court Services FY14 | | 1474 |

Accountability Courts

- **Gwinnett Drug Court** - 176 Graduates, 17 Drug Free Babies Born, 91% Employment Rate, Retention Rate- 79.7%, Recidivism Rates Life of Program- 28.1%, 2013 UDS Results- 115 positives out of 10,151 screens- 1.1%
- **Gwinnett DUI Court** - 340 Graduates, 7 Drug Free Babies Born, 96% Employment Rate, Retention Rate- 89.9%, Recidivism Rates Life of Program- 24.6%, 2013 UDS Results- 51 positives out of 11,071 screens- 0.46%, Spanish Speaking Group also
- **Gwinnett Mental Health Court** – 1 Graduate
- **Rockdale DUI Court** - 78 Graduates, 1 Drug Free Baby Born
- **Rockdale Drug Court** – 3 Graduates, 2 Drug Free Babies Born
- **Newton Drug Court** – 3 Graduates, 1 Drug Free Baby Born



Bridgeway Village - Lawrenceville, GA

- 31-unit residential development on Lakes Parkway
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program loan administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
- View Point Health will provide supportive services, independent living skills training, behavioral health & medical services, developmental disability services, vocational services, etc...



Gwinnett Coordinated Transportation Program

Services are available to individuals who are associated with

- Gwinnett Senior Services
 - Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Department of Family and Children Services
 - Hi Hope, Inc.
 - Creative Enterprises, Inc
 - View Point Health
- View Point Health is the contractor through the Department of Human Services to provide transportation.
 - The current system is in need of re-evaluation
 - Consider supporting a needs assessment or study for a local solution for Gwinnett County

375 Round Trips provided daily
72% for individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Client story - Travis

Before



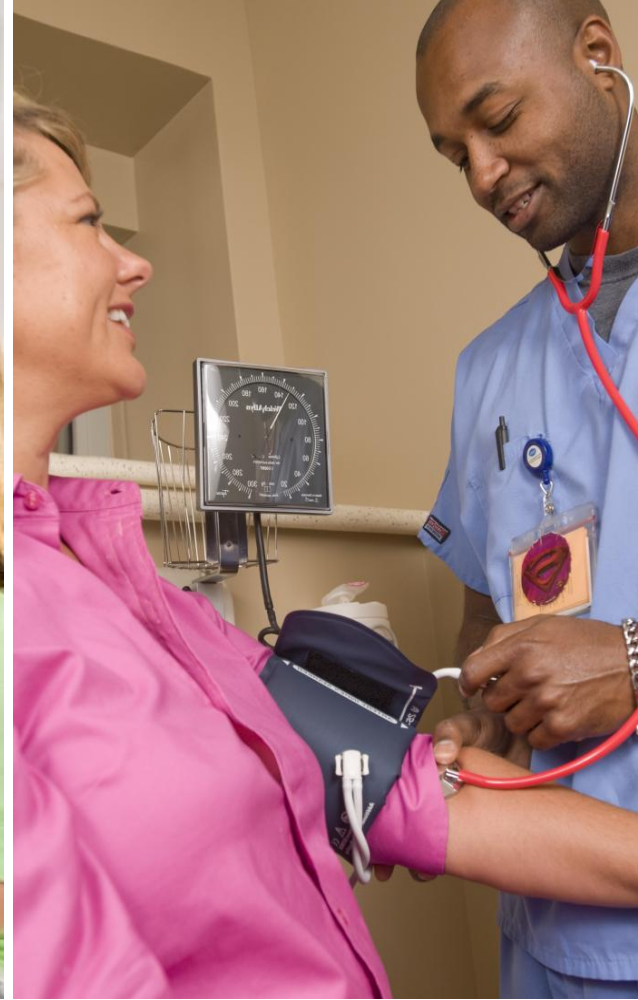
After



2015 Legislative Agenda



- **Governor's Criminal Justice Re-Entry Initiative**
 - The State Re-entry Task Force of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Re-entry
 - Re-entry and Recidivism Reduction Committee of the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform
 - Support the re-entry of former inmates with behavioral health challenges into community life
 - Advocate for increased funding for housing, employment, and service delivery
- **Amended FY15 and FY16 Appropriations**
 - Additional funds to enhance or expand mental health services and community developmental disability services
 - 668 individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Gwinnett are on the waiver waiting list in need of services
 - Specific to View Point Health the appropriations request includes:
 - funds to expand crisis services in Gwinnett (Region 3)
 - enhance existing Adult CSU by adding 7 beds



GWINNETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GWINNETT COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
DECEMBER 1, 2014



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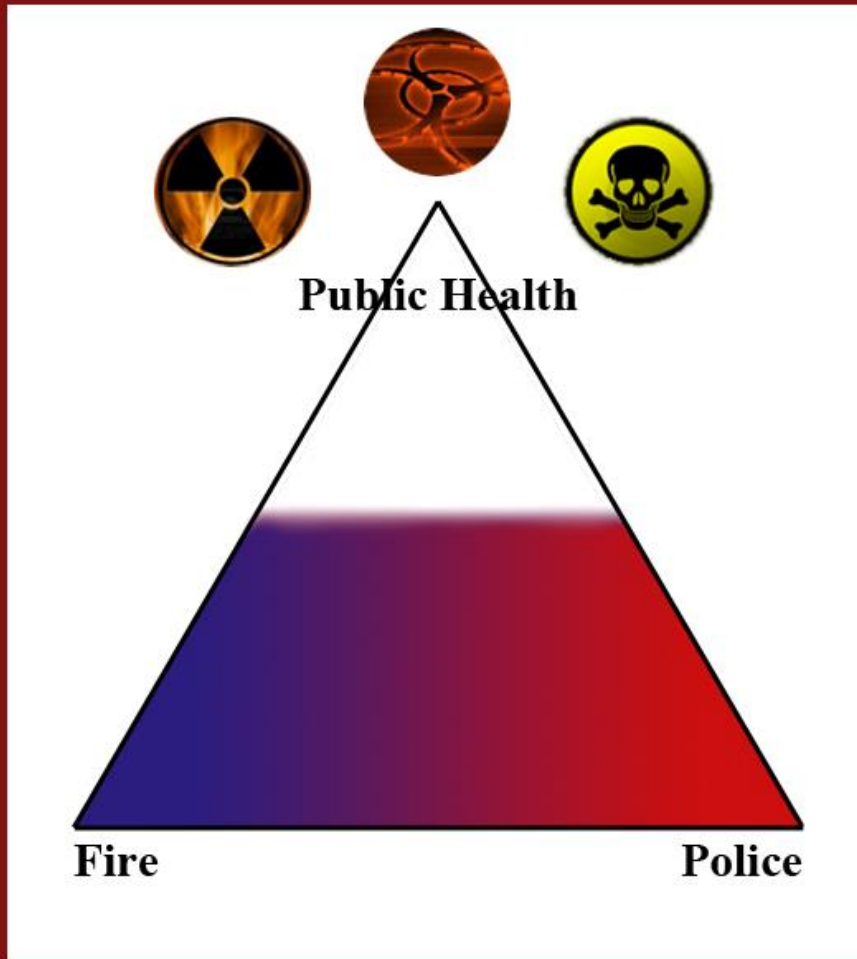
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OUR MISSION

To protect and improve the health of our community by monitoring and preventing disease; promoting health and well being; and preparing for disasters.

To Protect and Prevent



Building Gwinnett's Public Safety System

Public Health
plays an
active role in
protecting
Gwinnettians



WHO WE ARE: We protect the health of the community through:

■ Environmental Health

- Restaurant , hotel/motel, pool inspections
- Land use and septic tank oversight

■ Disease Prevention & Outbreak Response (Epidemiology)

- Tuberculosis and STI Control
- Disease and outbreak control

■ Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Bioterrorism planning and response
- Natural disaster planning and response





WHO WE ARE: We protect the health of the community through:

- Preventive Clinical Services
 - Immunizations
 - Travel Counseling and Immunizations
 - Family Planning and Women's Health
- Health Promotion & Education
 - Wellness
 - Tobacco cessation
 - Chronic Disease Prevention
- Over 160,000 health services were provided in FY14.



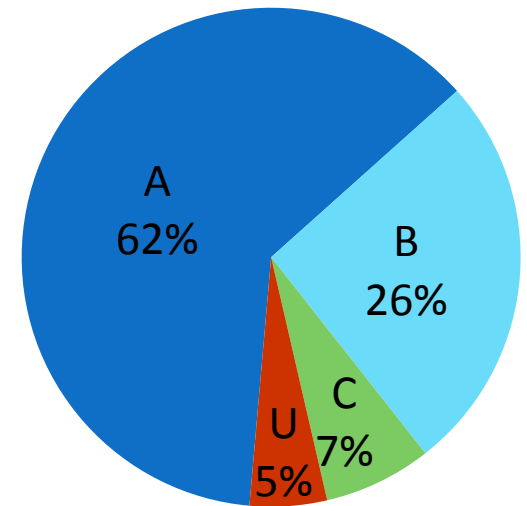


Environmental Health

- Inspect Restaurants, Hotels, Community Pools, License Private Property Septic
- Inspect 2,174 restaurants annually to ensure safe food handling
 - 5,486 total inspections in SFY 2013
- Training provided for regulated establishments
 - Certified Food Safety Manager
 - ServSafe
 - Certified Pool Operator
 - 17 operators trained to date in FY 14

} 197 trained to date in FY14

Restaurant Scores (FY13)



FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS: FOCUS ON QUALITY AND EDUCATION

- Inspectors have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree
- Inspectors are standardized to FDA inspection standards
- Continuous quality improvement processes
 - Working to meet 9 FDA Retail Program Standards
 - Standards 1, 3, 4, and 7 have been met (most met in state of Georgia)
- Nationally recognized program
 - Serve as Mentor to other EH programs nationwide
 - Served as panelist at national conference on food protection



Foodborne Illness Hotline

**770-339-4BUG
(770-339-4284)**



HEALTH HAZARD INVESTIGATIONS

- Growing Concern in Gwinnett
 - Negative media attention
 - Hoarding, meth, bats, etc.

- Estimated prevalence of 4% of population¹
 - Over 34,000 affected individuals based on 2013 Gwinnett population

- Task Force formed in 2013 to address growing concerns and reports of hoarding
 - Multidisciplinary involvement
 - Public health
 - Police
 - Fire
 - EMS
 - Municipalities
 - Human Services
 - Mental Health
 - Senior Services
 - Disabilities

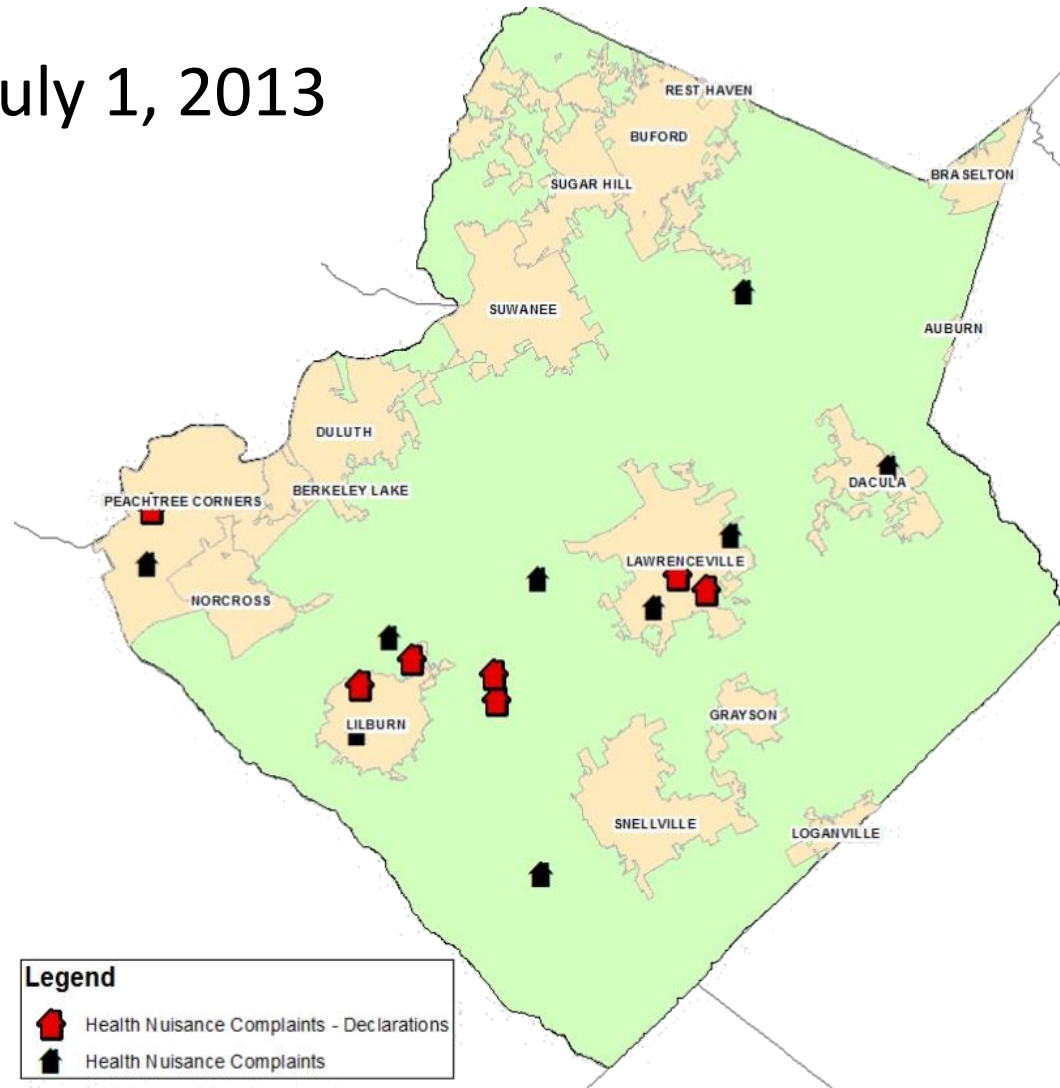
- Potential negative impact on community and property values

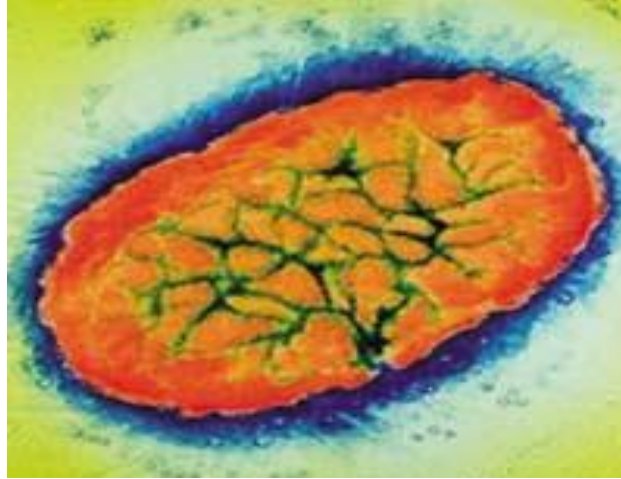


¹ J.F. Samuels et al. / Behaviour Research and Therapy 46 (2008) 836–844

HEALTH NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

- 18 investigations since July 1, 2013
 - 7 declarations
 - Only 2 have been remediated to date
 - 5 properties maintain the imminent health hazard declaration





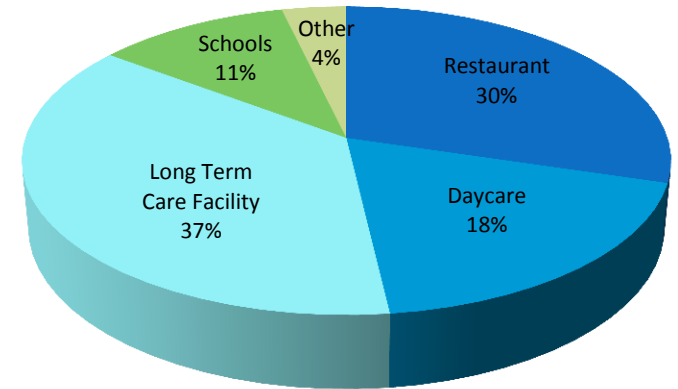
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DISEASE CONTROL

- Investigate and conduct surveillance on over 60 notifiable diseases in our community
- Gwinnett investigates more outbreaks than any other health district in GA

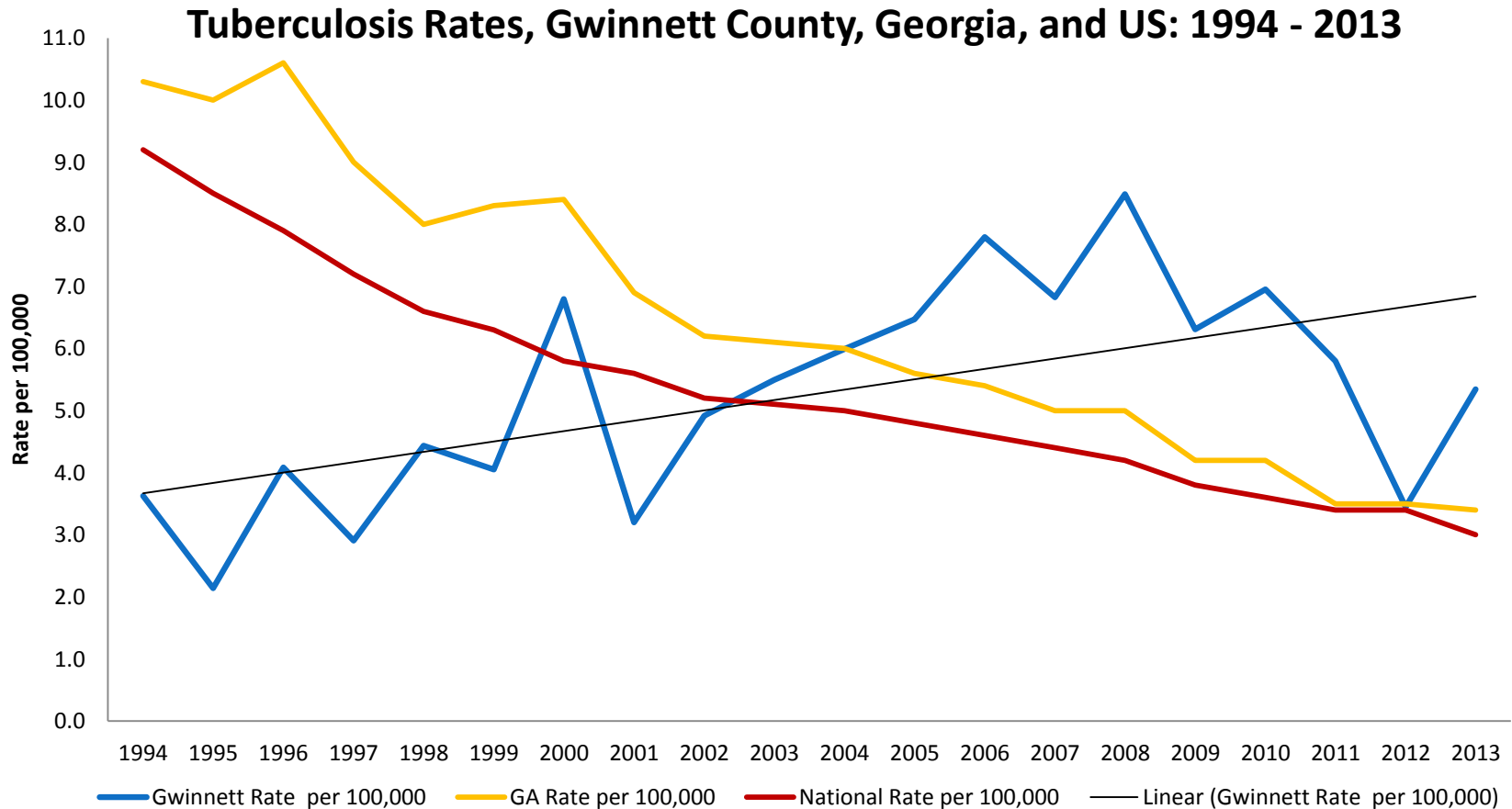
| FY2010 | FY2011 | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 9 | 10 | 9 | 37 | 27 |

- Gwinnett ranks in top three counties for Tuberculosis in GA
 - Gwinnett Tuberculosis rate is higher than National and GA rate
 - Public Health investigates TB cases in county schools, businesses, daycares

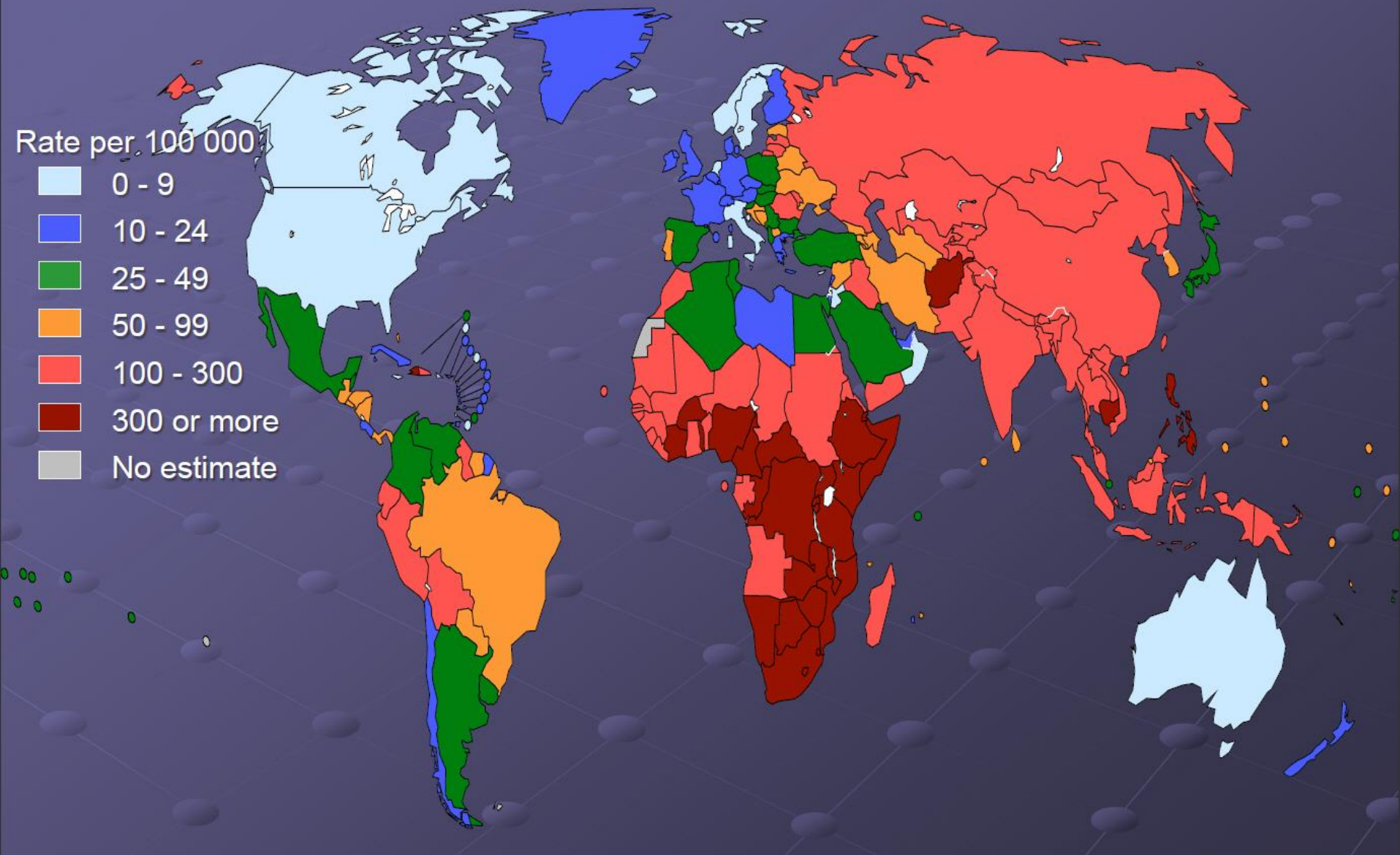
FY 2014 Outbreaks by Location



TB IN GWINNETT: HOW DO WE COMPARE?



Estimated TB incidence rates, 2013



TB Case Rates,* United States, 2012



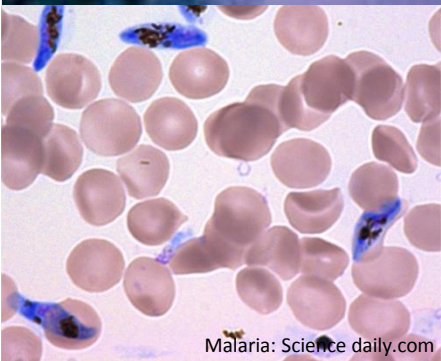
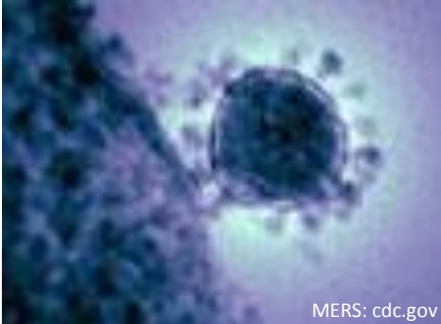
*Cases per 100,000.



GWINNETT IS A DYNAMIC AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

RARE INFECTIOUS DISEASES INVESTIGATED IN GWINNETT COUNTY

| BACTERIAL | VIRAL |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Botulism | Chikungunya |
| Brucella | Dengue |
| Cholera | MERS |
| Drug Resistant TB | SARS |
| Legionella | |
| Listeria | PARASITIC |
| Leprosy | Malaria |
| Q Fever | |
| Tuleremia | OTHER |
| Typhoid Fever | Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) |





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Increased emergency preparedness education for residents with functional & access needs
- Emergency preparedness education for local schools and businesses
- Metro Atlanta evacuation planning
- Gwinnett County training and exercise planning with EMA and other public safety agencies
- Training of local Medical Reserve Corps volunteers



EBOLA BASICS

- Ebola was first discovered in 1976 and since then outbreaks have occurred in Africa
 - Twenty-five Ebola outbreaks have been documented since 1976
- The current outbreak is the largest in history with over 13,000 cases
- Ebola is spread through direct contact with blood of bodily fluids from a person sick with the virus
- Local, state, and national Public Health officials working to identify and mitigate the risk of Ebola transmission in the United States



Image Source: CDC, 2014



LOCAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- Gwinnett staff members are working closely with community partners to provide guidance updates and clarification of guidance as possible
 - District-wide planning meeting held on October 24, 2014 with over 200 in attendance.
- Rapidly evolving situation with new guidance almost daily
- GNR staff members are collaborating with local partners regarding screening, assessment, infection control and monitoring
 - Patient Risk Assessment
 - Isolation/Quarantine Guidance
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance

OUR PARTNERS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Fire | Schools/Colleges |
| Law Enforcement | Nursing Homes |
| EMS | Jails/Corrections |
| Emergency Management | DFCS |
| County Government | Mental Health |
| Hospitals | Red Cross |
| Medical Providers | Volunteer Orgs |



OUR FUTURE

■ Protect Gwinnettians

- Disease control and prevention
- Regulatory monitoring and education
- Emergency preparedness and planning
- Preventive medical care



■ What is next for the Health Department

- Boosting our impact through Accreditation
- Implementing our Strategic Plan, aligned with:
 - Community Health Assessment
 - Community Health Improvement Plan
 - State Health Initiatives
 - County Initiatives



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