



## Let's Talk Budget

Dr. Marlon King, Superintendent

The time of the year has drawn near. We have been planning over the course of several months in thinking around better programs, continual upgrading of facilities, and strategic structuring of central office and school personnel so that we get the most from our budget. As you can see, improvements to schools are being made such as the high school gym renovation, installation of air conditioning in gyms, upgrades to athletic facilities (e.g. soccer field, weight room), security barrier walls in schools, and much, much more. We have implemented new programs such as the ACT 21+ Club, REACH Academy, STAR Academy, CTE/Vocational (Nursing, STEM/Robotics, Welding), Arise2Read, National Honor Society/Beta Club, Academic Decathlon, Academic Pentathlon, and Beyond the Bell After School Program to support student achievement. We are proud of the outcomes these programs have shown thus far and expect to see even better student achievement results in the future. There are several more programs I could share, but I'll save those for another column. I continue to look at our personnel and align employees to the right work. Sometimes this means collapsing roles, which provides more dollars to support programs and upgrades.

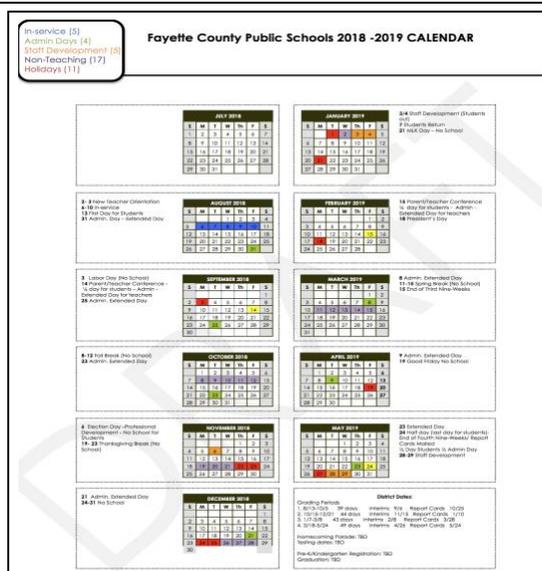
Having said that, from looking at our preliminary numbers, we are planning for a "Budget 3-Peat" - not a repeat but a three-peat. With the continued support of the county commission and school board, I plan to submit my third budget without requesting any additional dollars - third year in a row (3-Peat). At present, we are receiving 38.72% of the county property taxes assessed. As long as the county commission continues to allocate that percentage to the school system, we will be able to continue to operate our schools and provide increases in salaries for teachers, add more quality programs, and upgrade our facilities. When we get to the point of needing to build a new school, which will be sooner than later, we will face a different issue. Over the past 30 months of my tenure, it has been a great pleasure working with the school board and commissioners around funding efforts to make our public school system one of which we are proud. As you can see from our weekly publications in the Falcon and other communication outlets, much progress is being made and accomplished. It is for that reason I want to give a special thanks to ALL of our employees, families, and community partners for working together to make our district one of choice. However, we can't be satisfied with our current progress. We have to continue to build and invest in one of the most important departments in our county government. I look forward to sharing some more unique initiatives that will come out of this budget. One thing for sure will be our efforts to heighten security in schools. As always, student safety is a priority of mine. Stay tuned.



## Proposed Academic Calendar for 2018-19

Audience: All

The Academic Calendar Committee has drafted an academic calendar for the 2018-19 school year. We would like to have feedback from our stakeholders surrounding this proposed academic calendar. Click [here](#) to view the 2018-19 academic calendar draft. Click [here](#) to leave feedback.





## FCPS Summer Camp Interest Survey

*Audience: K-12 Teachers and Parents*

FCPS is exploring the possibility of offering summer camps for FCPS students in grades K-12. In order to gain more feedback around interest, we would like parents and teachers to complete a quick survey. [Click here for parent survey](#) and [click here for teacher survey](#).



## Building Testing Coordinators Meeting

*Audience: Chiefs, Building Testing Coordinators*

Building Testing Coordinators Meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room. Please bring laptop and log in information for state testing sites.



## Wax Museum Comes to Life at LMES

Learning came alive at LaGrange-Moscow Elementary School as the school hosted its 2nd Annual Wax Museum. Students took on the roles of important figures, both past and present, and gave informational speeches to visitors and other students.



## Providing Leadership Opportunities for Students

These Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students recently represented Fayette-County Public Schools at the state leadership meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The purpose of FBLA is to prepare members for careers in business and to assist them by becoming better employees and citizens. FCPS strives to provide students opportunities to become college and workforce ready.





## Fayette-Ware Senior Takes Scholarship

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. hosted its 3rd Annual Literacy Luncheon at Union University. Fayette-Ware scholar, Teaira Williams, took the senior scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.00 at this event. Fayette County Public Schools is proud of the scholarship opportunities students are receiving to further their education.



## Why I Choose Fayette Schools

Any student in Fayette County should choose Fayette-Ware because our school pride brings everyone together. Although we have excellent sports programs, many other activities allow students to build team, communication, and leadership skills. Mr. Winfrey is an amazing teacher because he pushes his students to excel and understand everything he teaches. In addition, he is very patient and gives students second chances. I have enjoyed playing soccer at Fayette-Ware and plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.



## Experience Builds Knowledge

Learning about something in the classroom is valuable but putting the knowledge into practice takes it to another level. Hands-on learning in the CTE programs allows students to put skills into practice and test theories. The agriculture class recently worked on erosion and flood prevention and built grills. Experience builds knowledge!

