

Druid Hills High School State of the School

February 8, 2023

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Tamara Shipley, Principal Advisory Council



Agenda

- School Demographics
- Programming
- Operations
- Instruction
- Climate and Culture
- Athletics and Arts



School Demographics





Total Number of Students	1,354	100%
9 th Graders	373	28%
10 th Graders	341	25%
11 th Graders	337	25%
12 th Graders	303	22%

- DHHS typically has a student enrollment around 1,350 students
- 120 faculty and staff

Our Diversity Makes Us – One Hill

DHHS racial and ethnic make-up more closely reflects the demographics of the DeKalb County population than any other school in DCSD



RACE / ETHNICITY	1,354	100%
African American	555	41%
White	433	32%
Hispanic	203	15%
Asian	108	8%
Multiracial	41	3%

Special Programming

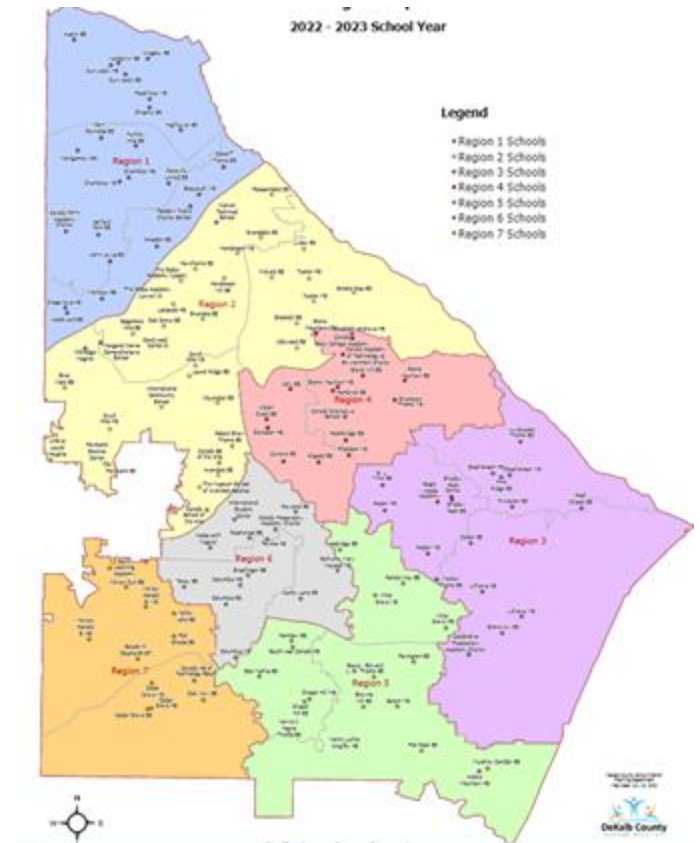
- IEP Special Education
- 504 Plan – Medically Impaired Students
- F & R Lunch = Title I Funding



Classification	Number of Students	Percentage
Special Education	176	13%
504	200	15%
Free and Reduced Lunch	337	38%

Region 2 and the Druid Hills Cluster

- **Region 2** of seven regions in DeKalb County School District
 - 1 of 3 high schools in the region (excludes school choice)
 - 1 of 18 high schools in the district
- Reporting into **Regional Superintendent Trenton Arnold**
- **Board Member Whitney McGinnis** represents DHHS
- Part of **Druid Hills Cluster** where all of the following “feeder” schools are zoned to send students to DHHS
 - Druid Hills Middle School
 - Avondale Elementary
 - Briar Vista Elementary
 - Fernbank Elementary
 - McLendon Elementary
 - Laurel Ridge Elementary



Programming



Title I

Federal Funding - [DHHS Title I Website](#)

- DHHS receives additional Federal Funding based on our Free and Reduced Lunch student percentage
- 2022 – 2023 Budget - \$168,000
 - [DHHS CSIP](#)
 - Continuous School Improvement Plan
 - Personnel – Academic Coach
 - Tutorials
 - Digital Resources
 - Study Island (all contents except World Language)
 - Quiziz (all content)
 - No Red Ink (writing)
 - Turn It In (writing)
 - KUTA (math)
 - USA Test Prep (core content)
 - PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)



IB – International Baccalaureate

DCSD School Choice Program



- [DHHS IB Website](#)
- **"The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a global leader in international education—developing inquiring, knowledgeable, confident, and caring young people. Our programs empower school-aged students to take ownership in their own learning and help them develop future-ready skills to make a difference and thrive in a world that changes fast."**
- **The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people, who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.**
- **DHHS offers the IB Diploma Program – a rigorous course curriculum for 11th and 12th graders (76 students in IB DP; 98 students in pre-IB)**
- **Deadline for submission is February 10**

Operations



Operations — Day to Day processes, procedures, programs, facilities etc.

- **Parent Volunteer Support Programs**
 - PTO – Parent Teacher Organization - [DHHS PTO Website](#)
 - DHAA – Druid Hills Athletic Association
 - PAC – Principal Advisory Council
 - DHEF - Druid Hills Education Foundation
- **Facilities**
 - Modernization
 - Red Devil Task Force



The PTO

Goals:

- Enhancing and supporting the **academic and social experience** of Druid Hills High School students
- Developing a **closer connection between school and home** for students at Druid Hills High School
- Providing **support to teachers and staff**, and **encouraging parent involvement**, at Druid Hills High School and throughout the Druid Hills High School **cluster**
- Raising and providing funds for Druid Hills High School's **academic and student life initiatives**

We strive to promote the well-being of all our students, parents, and teachers by working with our principal, the DeKalb County School System, local businesses, and community leaders to ensure school-related concerns are being addressed.

Key Accomplishments:

- Raised \$161K to spend toward PTO goals in 22/23 school year.
 - Funding FT counselor from Chris180
 - Funded \$20K+ in teacher grants
 - Funding teacher and staff hospitality events such as Teacher Appreciation Week
- Keep parents informed of school events and issues through weekly emails and social media
- Organize in-person and virtual Red Devil Day
- Hold parent education programs (3 to date)
- Support Red Devil Task Force advocacy efforts

Upcoming

- Working with Druid Hills Education Foundation on transition to new funding model
- Counselors Appreciation Week (Feb. 13): AP/Dual Enrollment parent education program (March 1);

Julie Gomez, Valarie Basheda, Nia Brinson-Parker, Ruby Hollender, Staci P. Allen, Drew Schuler, Odette Schuler, Mark Joyner

Druid Hills Athletic Association

Mission: To generate support and funding for athletics programs at DHHS and DHMS.

DHAA grants funding for equipment, coaching, field improvement, and tournament support.

Requests are submitted by coaches and priority is given to grants supporting long term needs for improving athletics.

Additional Booster Clubs:

- Football - The Gridiron Club
- Baseball - The Dugout Club
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Soccer

Key Accomplishments:

- Raised \$35K to spend toward DHAA goals in 22/23 school year.
- Gym lobby snack bar and student center operates every Tuesday & Thursday, 2:45pm - 4:00pm.
- Over \$14K in grants awarded this year to support: tennis, wrestling, football, DHMS track, gymnastics, baseball, and swim team.
- Annual coaching stipends to elevate supplementary pay to metro-district average.

Upcoming:

- Partner with DCSD to install temp lighting at DHMS practice fields
- Red Devil Dash 5K - April 15
- ESPY Awards - May 18

Laura Disque, Vance Overbey, Melissa Fishbein, Kim Goldsmith, Dana Borda

www.DruidHillsAthletics.com

The PAC

Purpose:

The purpose is to bring parents, school employees, students and community members together to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's perspectives and share ideas for increasing student achievement and performance.

- Support development and monitoring of the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP)
- Participate in selection of school principal in case of vacancy
- Create committees to provide input to improve climate/culture, student achievement and community partnerships

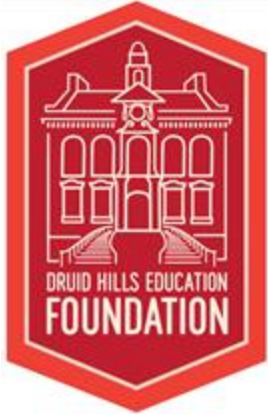
Key Accomplishments:

- Participated in district Comprehensive Master Plan project in 2021
- Advocated for Modernization throughout 2022
- DCSD Approved \$50Million for Modernization Feb 2023
- Got Foundation up and running summer 2022

Upcoming:

- Continue to seek solutions for parking issue
- Review Booster Club compliance/organization
- Initiate set up of an DHHS Arts organization
- Review Block scheduling alternatives

Druid Hills Education Foundation



Mission:

To promote and enrich the education and development of ALL Druid Hills High School students. Our fundraising efforts will support the educational, arts and athletic programs of DHHS.

Key Accomplishments:

- Kicked off Inaugural “2022 in 2022” Campaign that raised \$80K
- Held Homecoming tailgate for alumni

Upcoming:

- Auction on March 4 at Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health

Tiffany Russell, Cathy Zedd, Amy Crownover, Tamara Shipley, Susan Belmonte, Sarah Boelhouwer, Roger Henery, Mark Joyner, Darion Frazier, Susan-Anne MacKenna, Julie Gomez

DHHS Modernization

Our Facilities

- Smallest and Oldest
- Space, security, health and safety issues
- 7 buildings cobbled together of various ages
- Poor facility condition
- Poor educational suitability

\$50 Million for Modernization

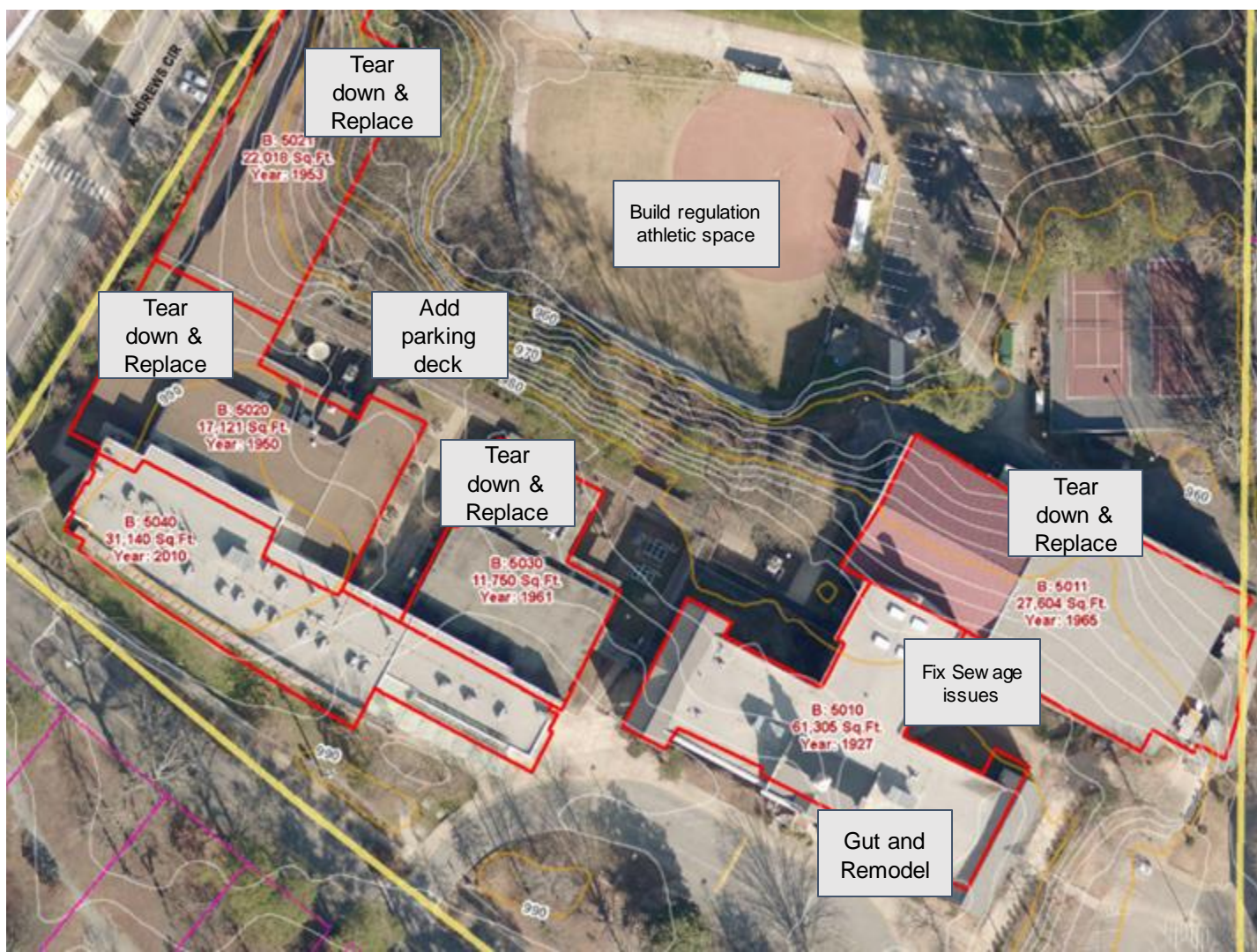
- Tear down and rebuild and renovation to make buildings like new

Next Steps

- Operations will solicit proposals for architectural design (at least 3-4 months)
- PAC will develop a sub-committee called the Construction Advisory Committee (CAC)
- CAC will meet with operations, architect and eventually construction teams to stay informed, review design at certain milestones and raise any community concerns.
- Project will take .. years.

Priorities for \$50 Million DHHS Modernization

1. Tear down and replace three buildings:
 - Building 5020 - original 1950 elementary school- includes Media Center and engineering lab
 - Building 5021 - 1953 addition to elementary school, currently math and ROTC
 - Building 5030 - 1961 cafeteria
 - Address Education Suitability needs for the school within these new facilities; including a parking deck under rebuilds of 5020, 5021 and 5030
2. Replace exterior sanitary sewage / stormwater lines in Buildings 5010 and 5011
3. Total gut and remodel of 5010 – historic building
4. Teardown and replace Building 5011 – old and new gym
5. Refurbish athletic fields (consider land purchase)
6. 5 year master plan for addressing any of the above or other issues beyond what \$50MM can fix



Tear
down &
Replace

Build regulation
athletic space

Tear
down &
Replace

Add
parking
deck

Tear
down &
Replace

Tear
down &
Replace

Fix Sew age
issues

Gut and
Remodel

Drill Protocol

- **Emergency Drills – Fire, Inclement Weather, Lockdown**
- **Lockdown Drills**
 - **Level 1 – Exterior Lockdown**
 - Potential threat outside the building – surrounding community
 - **Level 2 – Interior Lockdown**
 - Low level threat inside the building
 - Missing student
 - Public Safety drug and weapons K9 protocol
 - **Level 3 – Full Lockdown**
 - High level threat inside the building

See Something, Say Something



Instruction



CSIP



- **CSIP – Continuous School Improvement Plan**
 - Strategic Plan for Action
 - Budgeting, Professional Learning Communities
 - Classroom Instruction - Standards Based Instruction
 - School Culture and Climate

Administration, School Leaders, Coaches, Faculty and Staff are always working towards improvement.

Graduation Rates

- **2019: 83.2%**
- **2020: 85.7%**
- **2021: 86.9%**
- **2022: 86.1%**



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Increase in graduation rates due to teachers offering additional supports to students – differentiating instruction; counselors making sure students are scheduled in the correct courses to earn graduation credits; data clerk closely tracking withdrawn students.

GA Milestones End of Course



2021 – 2022 Test Data

Druid Hills HS 2021-2022 & (fall semester 2022)		DeKalb County	Georgia
Coordinate Algebra	51.4% (80%)	49.2%	58.9%
Biology	71.5% (82%)	57.9%	70.5%
American Literature	74.4% (73%)	68.7%	77%
U.S. History	61.7% (74%)	62.1%	70.3%

The Principal's List



Students who earned all As – Fall Semester 2022

Class	Percentage	Students
9 th – 374	23%	87
10 th – 339	21%	70
11 th – 334	20%	67
12 th – 304	32%	96

Honor Roll



Students who earned all As & Bs – Fall Semester 2022

Class	Percentage	Students
9 th – 374	31%	116
10 th – 339	25%	86
11 th – 334	27%	91
12 th – 304	23%	71

Climate and Culture



Philosophy



- **We improve our school culture by the way we treat each other.**
- **Celebrate, respect and honor our differences – ethnic, social, intellectual, economic, gender identity**
- **Creating a community of care**
- **Patience, Flexibility and Grace**

Impacts



- **We've seen a definitive improvement in school spirit – pep rallies, students attending athletic events and performances to support their peers**
- **Hugely successful Homecoming 2022**
- **Increased participation rates in extracurriculars**
- **Increase participation rates in Student Government Association**
 - **SGA leading several annual initiatives**

Faculty and Staff of the Year



2021 – 2022 Employees of the Year

- Mr. Roger Henery (social studies)
 - **Teacher of the Year**
- Nurse Jamie Fitzstephens
 - **Support Personnel I of the Year**
- Ms. Tanya Henderson (counseling)
 - **Support Personnel II of the Year**
- Ms. Farris Lewis (ELA)
 - **Rookie of the Year**

Athletics
and
Arts



Athletics – GO RED DEVILS



- [DHHS Athletics Website](#)
- **Steady improvement in athletics and student involvement in athletics.**
- **2022 Boys Basketball – Elite 8 in State Playoffs**
- **2022 Football – winningest season in years**
- **Multiple teams made State Playoffs**
- **Cross Country, Softball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Dance, Cheer, Swimming, Wrestling, Baseball, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Tennis, Golf, and Soccer**
- **AD – Coach George – AAAA Athletic Director of the Year 2020-2021 Henrietta_George@dekalbschoolsga.org**

Arts



- Increased student participation in marching band and orchestra
- Wonderful winter performances by concert band and orchestra
- Drama Production Club – Extremely motivated group of students who produced *Legally Blonde* last spring and *The Showcase* this fall – featuring acts from several famous Broadway productions.
- Several students in our fine art department have been recognized and award winners in local and national competitions

Thank you!

