

## BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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**DEPARTMENT:** Communications/Public  
Information Department

**TOPIC: GOOD NEWS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF: September 2024**

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1. Employees from six schools in the Dallas area – **North Gaston, W.C. Friday, Carr, Costner, Highland, and Woodhill** – were treated to a back-school breakfast on August 13 at Salvation Baptist Church at Rankin Lake. The breakfast served as the church’s “thank you” to teachers and other school employees for their hard work and commitment to ensuring student success. Each guest enjoyed the chance to win door prizes and received a treat bag as a token of appreciation.
2. The following high schools were recognized by the N.C. High School Athletic Association for outstanding sportsmanship for the 2023-2024 year: **Ashbrook High School; East Gaston High School; Forestview High School; Highland School of Technology; and Hunter Huss High School**. The schools did not have any athletes or coaches ejected from a game for the year.

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winners in the Gaston County Board of Elections “I Voted” sticker contest featured 68 entries from 12 schools. The students’ designs will be featured on “I Voted” stickers that are given out when people go to vote. The winners were named semifinalists in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.

10. **Chapel Grove Elementary** received a “spit rock” to display in front of the school. Brandon Weimer and Scott Parker from Martin Marietta Bonds Quarry coordinated the donation.
11. **John Chavis Middle School** received a donation of school supplies from the Order of the Eastern Star.
12. The Cherryville High School Education Foundation received an \$80,000 grant from the CaroMont Health Foundation to support the renovation of the science lab at **Cherryville High School**. The funds were used to purchase an Anatomage Science and Anatomy Table, which is a main feature for the updated science lab.
13. **East Gaston High School** won the Wells Fargo Conference Cup for the 1A/2A Southern Piedmont Conference.
14. **East Gaston High School** teachers **Kaci Wilcox, Brian Johnson, and Nikki Akins**

22. **Pinewood Elementary** received nearly 4,000 school supplies from ~~GOA~~  
Consolidated.

23. **Sherwood Elementary** received 168 book bags filled with school supplies from the  
GastoniaShelby Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The school also received  
a donation of school supplies from AT&T.

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