Gaston County Schools

Budget Request 2024-2025

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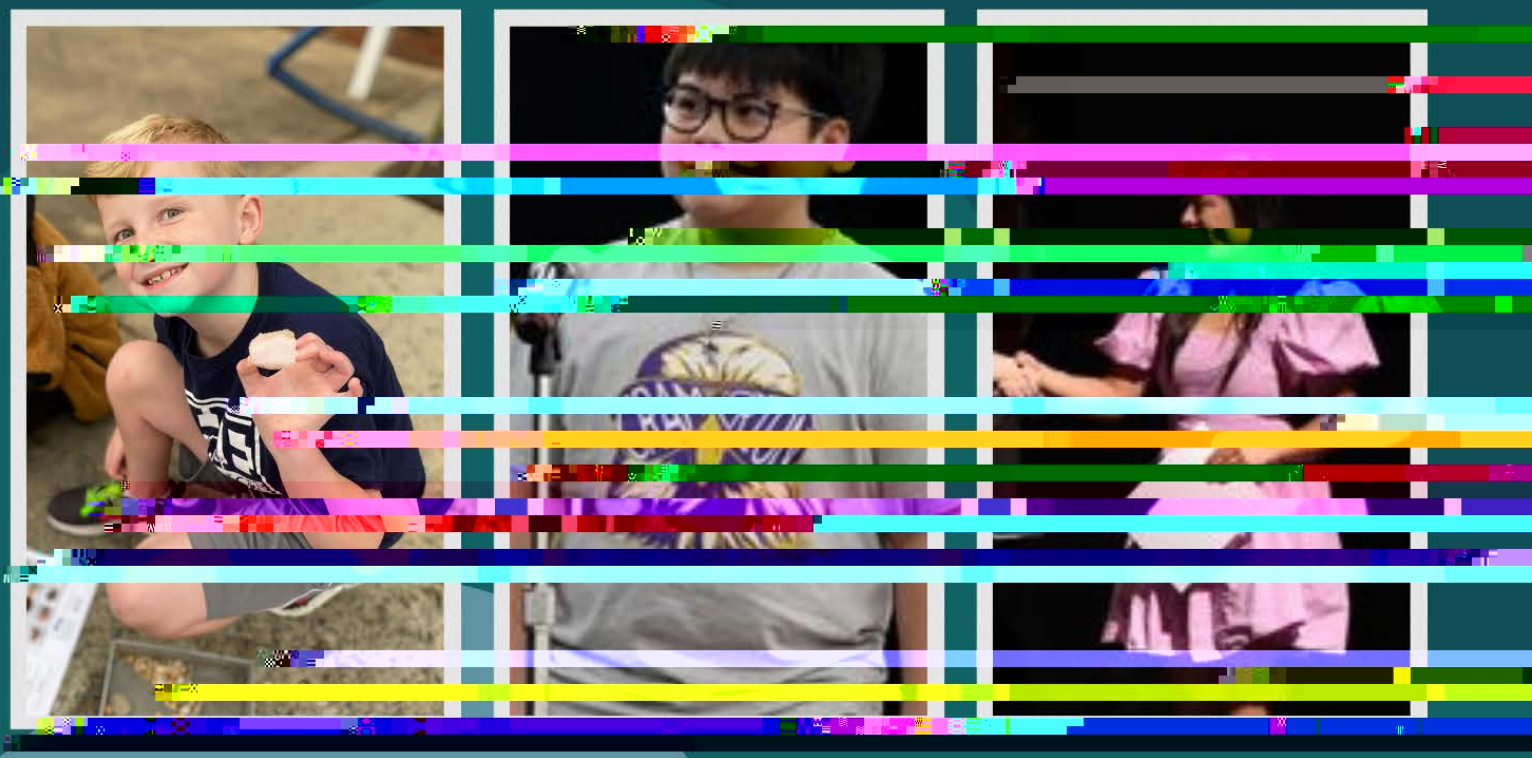

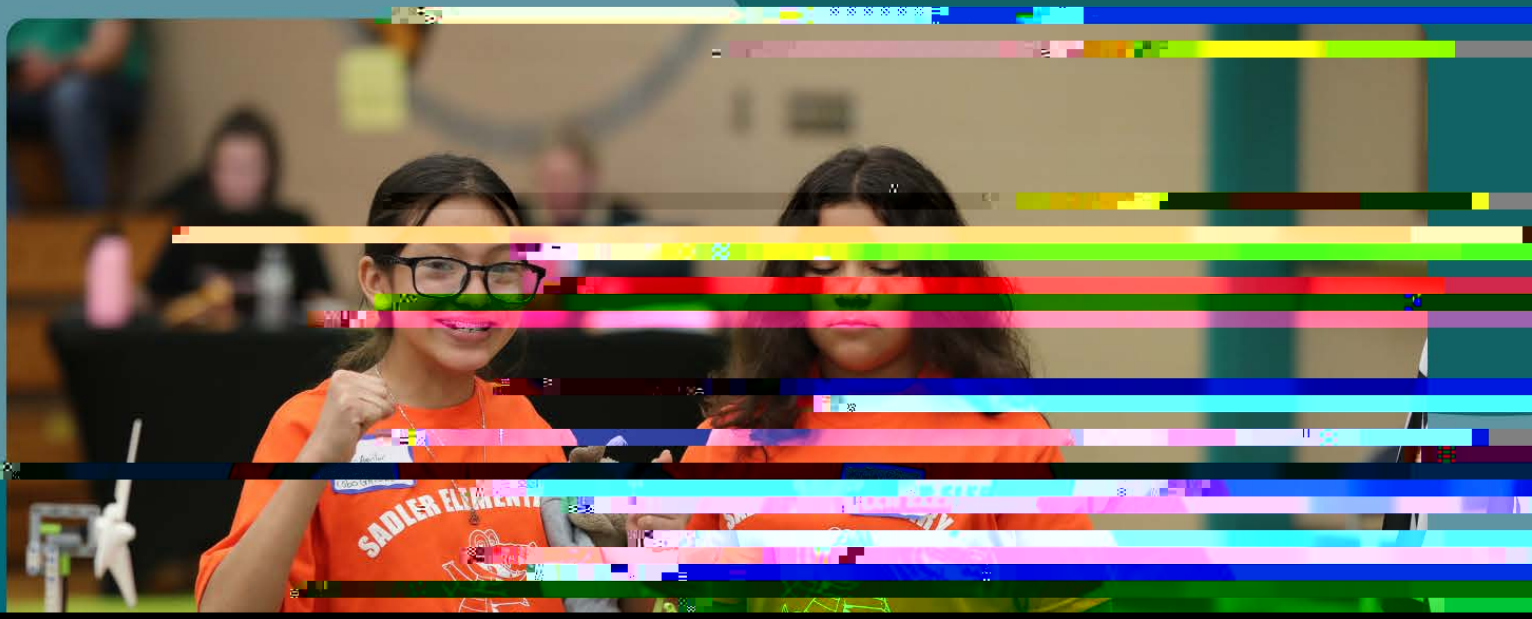
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April 15, 2024

To: Gaston County Board of Education

The vision of Gaston County Schools is “to inspire success and a lifetime of learning.” Our priorities and goals are to have every student college and career ready; have healthy, safe, and responsible schools; use innovation to serve our students; and have a qualified workforce. This 2024-2025 Budget Request provides the needed funding to support the vision, mission, and goals of Gaston County Schools. It includes the local funds necessary to offer essential instructional programs, maintain safe schools, and provide the resources and personnel needed to operate at a level consistent with the policies of the State of North Carolina and the Gaston County Board of Education. The Budget Request also includes funds necessary to support key academic and student

every school. Our strong partnership with local law enforcement is an important factor in our efforts to ensure school safety.

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longer be available for these initiatives, which will have to be discontinued/modified or funded from another source.

In the area of capital outlay and maintenance, Gaston County Schools is requesting $6.7 million in local funds to support our efforts to maintain approximately 5.1 million square feet of building space. For 2023-2024, the school system received $2

Gaston County Schools
Budget Calendar
FY 2024-25

January 2024 Funding Needs Survey – Stakeholders

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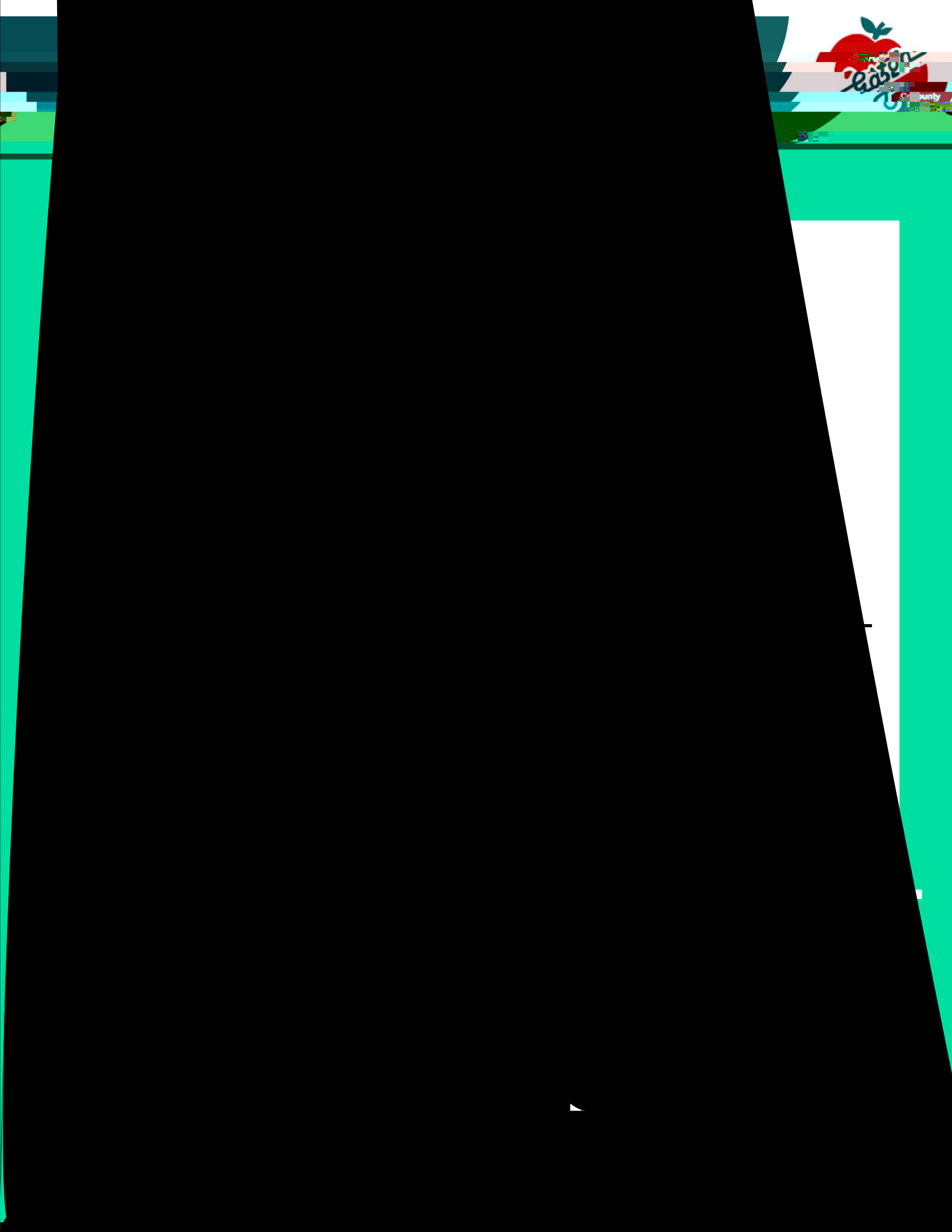

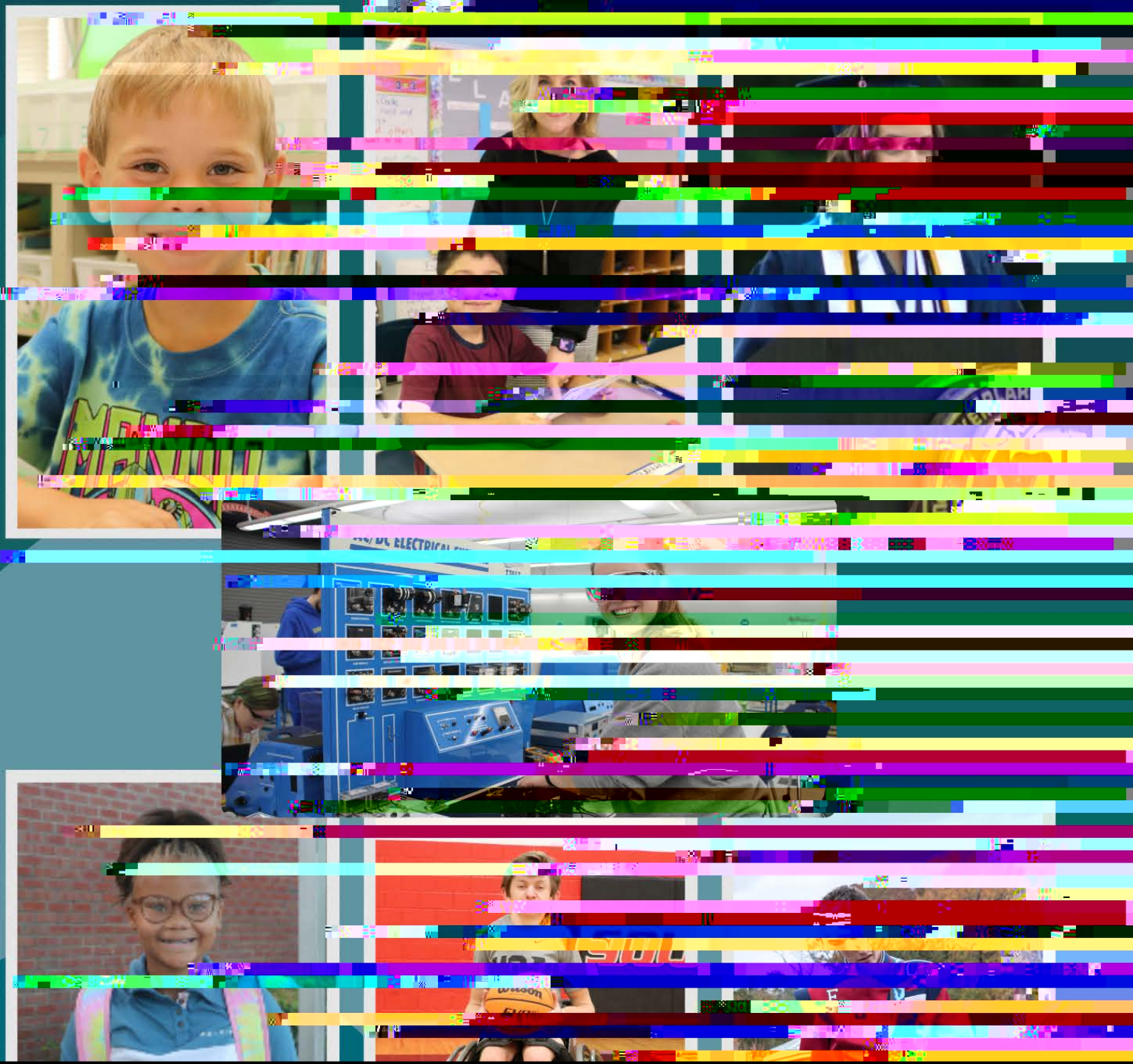

State Initial Allotment Formulas and Projections
FY 2023-24 - This is the latest data available

Administration	
Category	Recommended Basis of Budgeting for 2023-24
Central Office Administration	use FY 2022-23 Initial Allotment plus .80% increase

Instructional Personnel and Support Services		
Category	Basis of Allotment *(Funding Factors are rounded)*	
Classroom Teachers		
Kindergarten	1 per 18 in ADM	
Grade 1	1 per 16 in ADM	
Grades 2 - 3	1 per 17 in ADM	
Grades 4 - 6	1 per 24 in ADM	
Grades 7 - 8	1 per 23 in ADM	
Grade 9	1 per 26.5 in ADM	
Grades 10 - 12	1 per 29 in ADM	
Math/Science/Computer Teachers	1 per county or based on sub agreements	
Teach er Assistants	The number of classes is determined by a ratio of 1:21	average salary plus benefits = $43,288
	Kindergarten — 2 TAs for every 3 classes of 21 students	
	Grades 1-2 — 1 TA for every 2 classes of 21 students	
	Grade 3 — 1 TA for every 2 classes of 21 students	
Instructional Support	1 per 222.49 in ADM (includes Mental Health Positions)	
School Building Administration		
Principals	1 per school with at least 100 ADM or at least 7 state paid teachers or instructional support personnel. Schools opening after 7/1/2011 are eligible based on at least 100 ADM only.	
Assistant Principals	1 month per 98.53 in ADM	
Career Technical Ed. - Program Support	$10,000 per LEA with remainder distributed based on ADM in grades 8-12 ($39.25 funding factor)	
Classroom Materials/Instructional Supplies and Equipment	$ 30.17 per ADM plus $2.69 per ADM in grades 8 and 9 for PSAT Testing	
Textbooks	$32.26 per ADM in grades K-12 (Indian Gaming funds are not included)	

Employee Benefits	
Category	Basis o f Allotment
Social Security Rate	7.65%
Retirement Rate	24.50%
Hospitalization Rate	$ 7,397 / year

State Initial Allotment Formulas and Projections
FY 2023-24 - This is the latest data available

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FY 2024-25 School Allotment Formulas

(Subject to Final Budget Allocation)

	Elementary	Middle	High
State Instructional Supplies	$36.77/ADM	$36.77/ADM	$36.77/ADM
Local Instructional Supplies	$19.00/ADM	$21.00/ADM	$23.00/ADM
Local Office Supplies	$3.50/ADM	$4.00/ADM	$4.50/ADM
Local Athletics - General		$12,000	$22,000
Local Athletics - Field Maintenance		$1,500	$2,750
Local Athletic Travel		$700	$1,500
Local Band - General		$6,000-$10,000	$6,500-$14,000
Local Band - Instrument Repairs		$1.25/ADM	$2.25/ADM
Local Band Travel		$700	$1,500

The Superintendent has the authority to increase/decrease funding for schools and departments provided in the basic allotment, if such changes are needed for the efficient operation of the school system. Principals working with their school improvement teams can also modify allotments for their school through the use of waivers.

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Teacher and Instructional Support Supplement Schedule

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FY 2024-25 Funding Request

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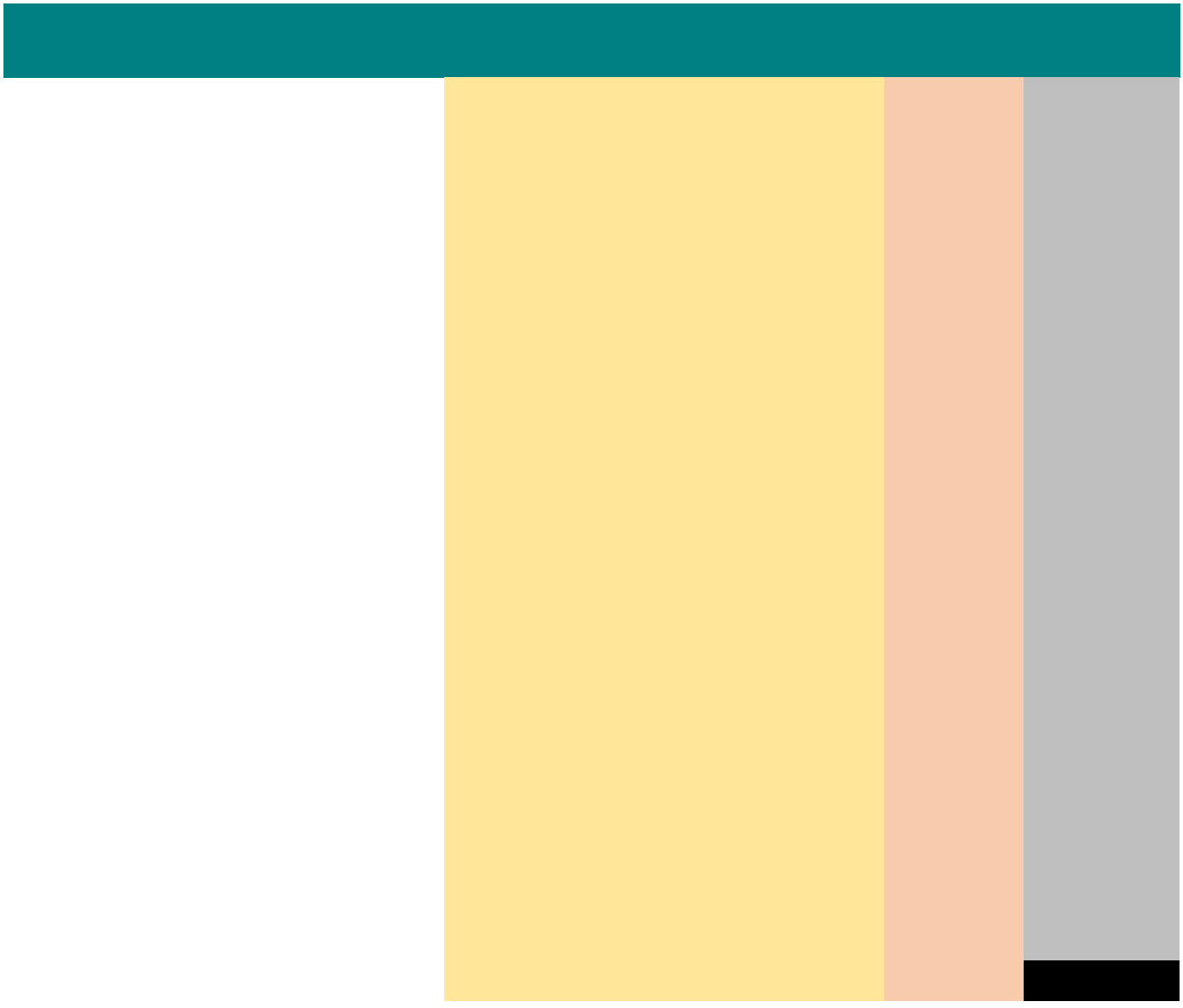

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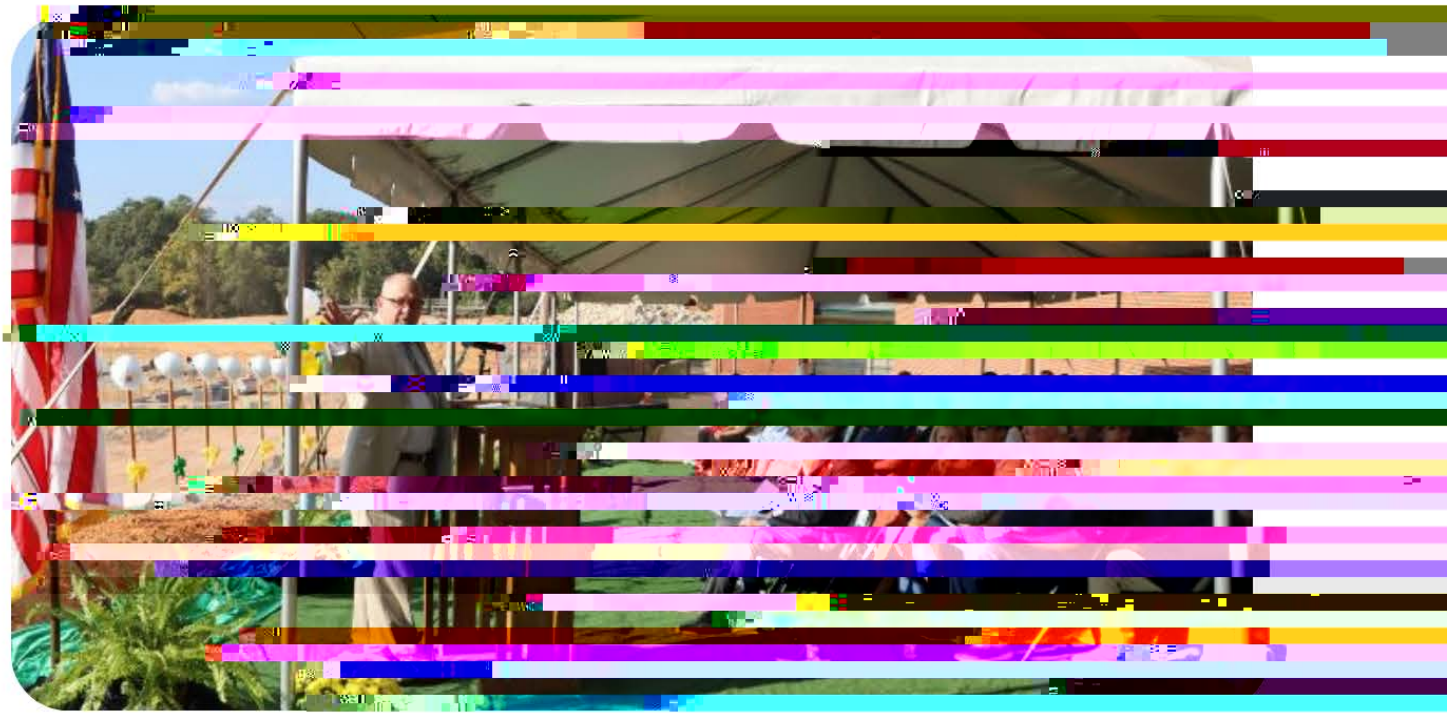

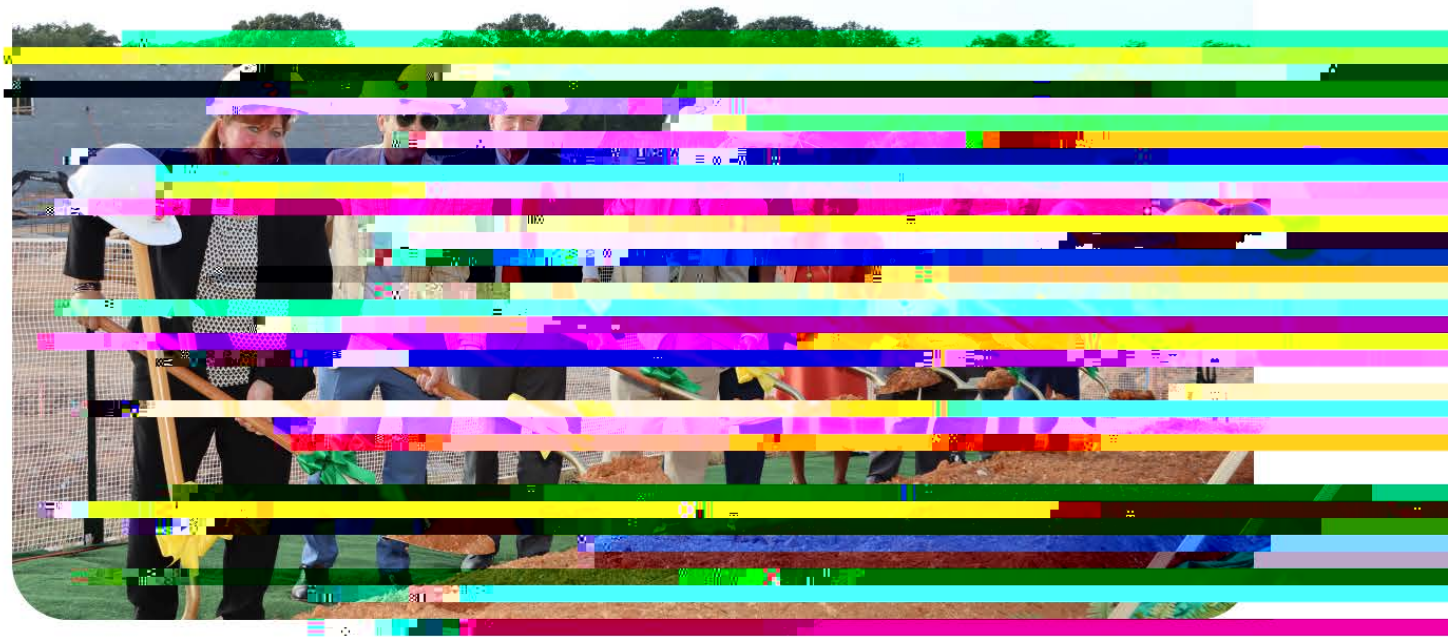

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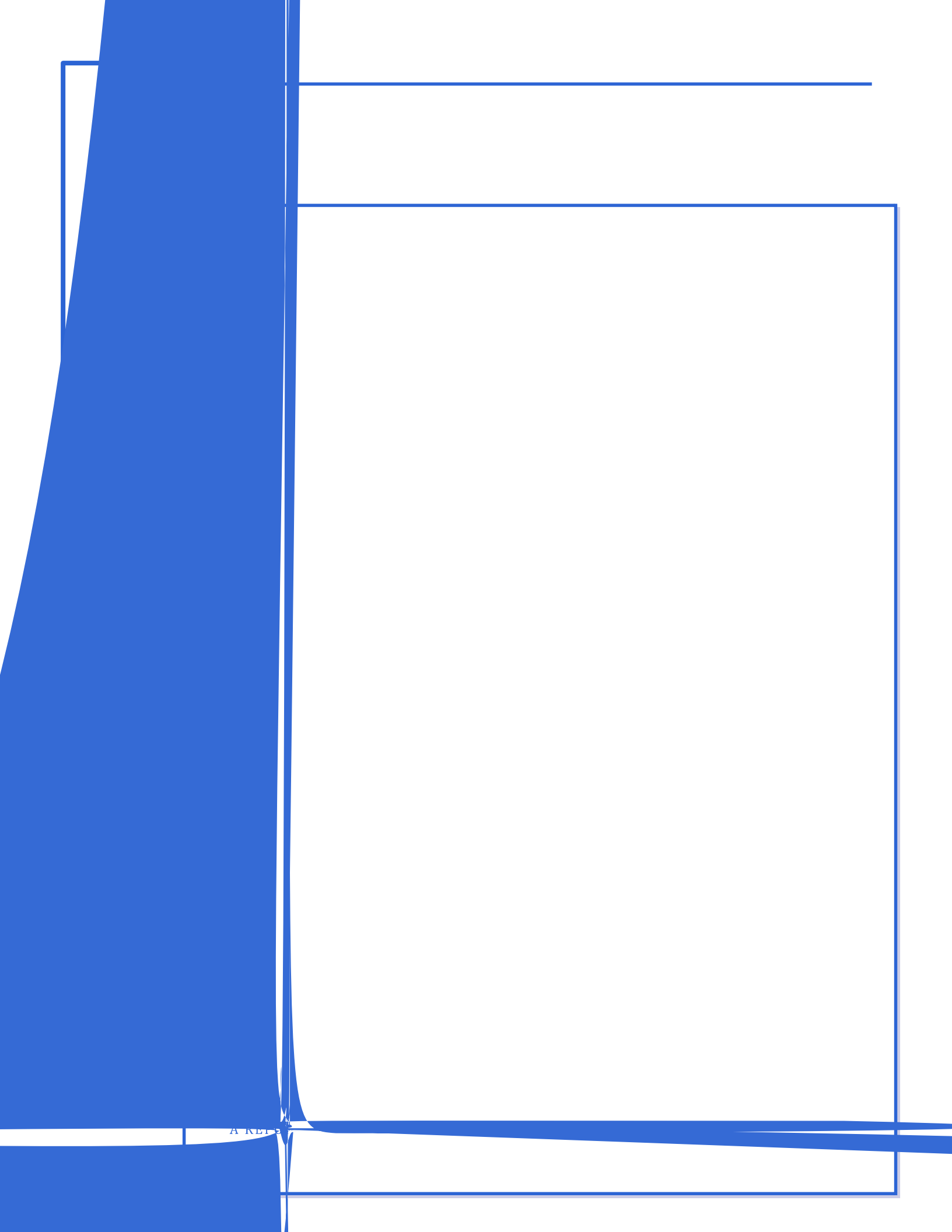

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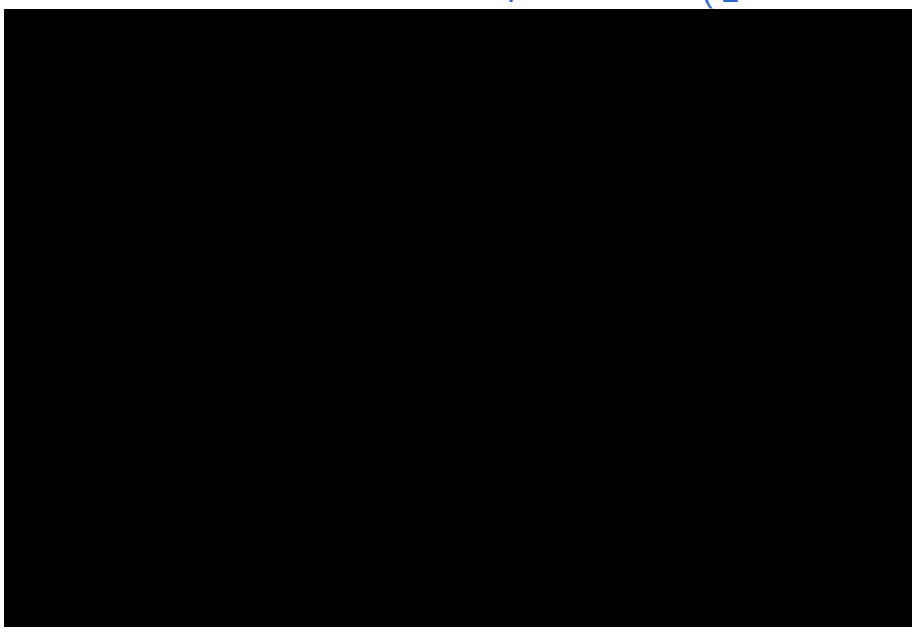

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