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Advancing CULTURE & ENGAGEMENT

- Deepen community and stakeholder engagement







- DEEPENING ENGAGEMENT
- ELEVATING COMMUNITY VOICE
- ENSURING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING
- FOCUSING ON A SHARED DIRECTION

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Gov. Kemp Signs Bills Strengthening Education and School Safety

September 11, 2025

Georgia slips in national education freedom rankings



State superintendent highlights big changes happening in Georgia schools



State School Superintendent Richard Woods said the Georgia D... others.

By Abby Kousouris
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ATLANTA, Ga. (Atlanta News First) - As more than 1.7 m... education leaders say this school year will be about mo...

State School Superintendent Richard Woods said the G... mental health and equity across districts.

"I'm excited about being able to make a difference in a...

Investing in literacy

This year, the department is investing over $14 million ... training teachers in a curriculum model called the "Sci... comprehension.

A Plan to Address Digital Distractions

Superintendent Woods calls for sweeping statewide reforms to school district financial safeguards

May 2025 Policy News Round-Up

GaDOE, GSAN award $11 million in BOOST grants for afterschool and summer learning

October 23, 2025



The Georgia Department of Education, in partnership with the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, is awarding more than $11 million in Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grants to expand afterschool and summer learning.

Previously provided with American Rescue Plan funds, BOOST grants are now state-funded. This round of grants provides $11,541,140 to three statewide organizations and 60 community-based organizations to exp... and summer learning opportunities ac... out-of-school time programming over t... year, or year-round.

Continuing the grants aligns with GaD... funding afterschool and summer learn... learning loss, and support working fa...

"The availability of high-quality afterso... educational landscape in Georgia," S... "These programs are relied on by fam... classroom, and they expand opportu... to the Georgia General Assembly -- p... Jon Burns, Chairman Blake Tillery, Ch... Billy Hickman, and Chairman Matt Du... enables us to again offer these grants...

GaDOE partners with the Georgia Ste... private collaborative dedicated to adv... programs in Georgia -- to administer...

Georgia School Policy Changes: Everything School Leaders Need to Know in 2025–26



Georgia school districts are heading into a transformative year. With new state legislation and continued funding initiatives shaping everything from device usage to mental health infrastructure, K-12 leaders across the state are facing an evolving set of responsibilities. The 2025-26 school year won't just be about keeping up – it'll be about planning ahead, building compliance into every layer of operations, and keeping students safe, supported, and conne...

Federal judge declares Education Department's attempt to bar diversity programs unlawful

The Trump administration is permitted to have its policy positions, the judge wrote, but "it must do so within the procedural bounds Congress has outlined. And it may not do so at the expense of constitutional rights."



The Department of Education building in Washington, D.C., on May 2, 2022. | Stefani Reynolds/AFP via Getty Images

By JUAN PEREZ JR. and REBECCA CARBALLO
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A federal judge in Maryland struck down the Trump administration's attempts to have the country's school systems comply with a conservative interpretation of federal anti-discrimination law.

Thursday's 76-page ruling from Stephanie Gallagher, a Trump appointee, vacates both a Feb. 14 Education Department letter that asserts that federal law prohibits schools from using race in decisions pertaining to all aspects of education — and an ensuing agency demand for schools to certify they would comply with the administration's views.

EducationWeek

Ed. Dept. Offices Will Be Virtually Wiped Out in Latest Layoffs

The agency that lost half its staff earlier this year will see a fifth of remaining employees depart under a new reduction in force



A CHANGING LANDSCAPE...

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Upcoming engagement opportunities:

NOVEMBER

11.10.25

JANUARY

1.15.26

MARCH

3.16.26

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