



Georgia Academy for the Blind

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Dr. Cindy Gibson, Superintendent

July 19, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the beginning of a new year.

Attached you will find a packet of information that needs to be completed and returned on **Sunday, August 6, during our Registration and Open House 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in the Media Center in the Hendricks Building. Please note the School Nutrition form especially. Our funding for food service is determined by this required documentation.**

The schedule for the day is included in this packet. We are required by our federal programs to have an Annual Title I Parent Meeting, which is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. We will review information about the new school year and then begin the Title I meeting. Stakeholders will have the opportunity for input into our parent involvement plans and programs funded by federal grants. Registration will not occur during this meeting (2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.), so please plan accordingly. While some local students may not attend this registration, it is imperative that the registration packet be completed and returned on their first day of school, August 7, 2017.

Our theme for the year is **"VIP-Victory in Progress!"** We have made many curricular changes, added Project Search, and added a new middle grades class. We are in the process of contracting with Bibb County School District to enhance our CTAE offerings. You will see a huge change in the School Nutrition dining area as we welcome a new team.

The Better Seeking Team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our handbook reflects the needs of all students and departments. We cannot thank you enough for your input. Our School Council has approved the change in the mission statement and eagerly praises our instruction and wrap-around services.



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There are a few very important items that I want to bring to your attention concern daily operations at GAB. 1) Please be aware that as GAB is not a medical facility, we must follow schoolhouse nursing guidelines to require that your student not attend school until symptoms subside or medical needs are addressed. These guidelines are followed by all Georgia Public Schools. We apologize for any inconvenience picking up your child in time of illness may cause you. Consider your distance and prepare for emergency transportation. 2) Students are to be signed in late or signed out early in the **Hendricks Building** office. Identification may be requested to ensure that students are released only to appropriate caregivers. 3) Occasionally GAB must close unexpectedly because of inclement weather or other emergencies. Information will be provided to you as soon as available. We understand the hardship this may cause you, and appreciate your understanding that closure is a serious safety decision.

All of us look forward to serving you and your children who are blind or have low vision or have visual impairment with other disabilities. YOU perform an essential role in achieving our vision, mission, and School Improvement Plan initiatives for student achievement. Welcome!

Sincerely,

Cindy B. Gibson, Ed.D., TVI
Superintendent