



**MCS  
Pre K – 2  
Early Literacy  
& Numeracy  
Initiative**

**Coming to  
T.H. Brewer  
Elementary  
in August  
2024**

# *Muscogee County School District*



Our Mission is to inspire and equip  
all students to achieve unlimited  
potential.

Vision: The MCSD is a beacon of  
educational excellence where all are  
known, valued, and inspired.





- On February 20, 2024 the MCSD School Board made history by approving the Superintendent's recommendation to create Georgia's first Pre K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Early Literacy & Numeracy Acceleration Center.
- As a result, T.H. Brewer Elementary will be repurposed beginning with the 2024-25 school year and will be home to the Early Literacy and Numeracy Acceleration Center.



# WHY?



*The Data:* GMAS, CCRPI, student screening scores (STAR)

- There is a disproportionately large number of children entering school below grade level attending Brewer, MLK, Jr., J.D. Davis and Dorothy Height Elementary Schools.
- Critical areas of literacy and numeracy.
- This leads to predictable frustration, low educational attainment, reduced opportunities, and limited upward mobility.





# WHY?



WE HAVE AN ETHICAL, MORAL, AND ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Provide meaningful and systemic early intervention.
- Address the needs of individual students and the community as a whole.
- Employ intentional models of scientific, evidence-based, proven strategies.
- Close the gap and raise the bar.
- Equip students for the realities of an ever-changing world via a ***world-class education.***



# WHY?

## Research says...

- There's a nation-wide need to reform practice, particularly in early literacy and numeracy.
- Every child is capable of learning when taught and supported effectively.
- Change in practice stems from extensive **brain research** in ***Structured Literacy and the Science of Reading*** as well as ***Mathematical Modeling***.



# What Will the Acceleration Center Offer?

Personalized learning in a smaller setting:


***14:1***

***student to teacher ratio***

*To include additional support staff*



# What Will the Acceleration Center Offer?

- Access to highly qualified teachers trained to deliver research-based and classroom-proven, high-yield strategies.
- Improved performance as a result of accelerated intensive literacy and numeracy instruction.
- Whole child supports (wrap around services).
- Foster a love for reading. 





# What Will the Acceleration Center Offer?

- High-quality instructional materials.
- *Professional Learning partnerships:*
  - *Rollins Center Navigation Cohort for structured literacy and science of reading.*
  - *GADOE - Georgia Literacy Council*
  - *Georgia Numeracy Project*
  - *Columbus State University*



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# BREWER ACCELERATION CENTER SELECTED TO JOIN

## 2024 Rollins Center Navigation Cohort

Professional Learning – Atlanta Speech School



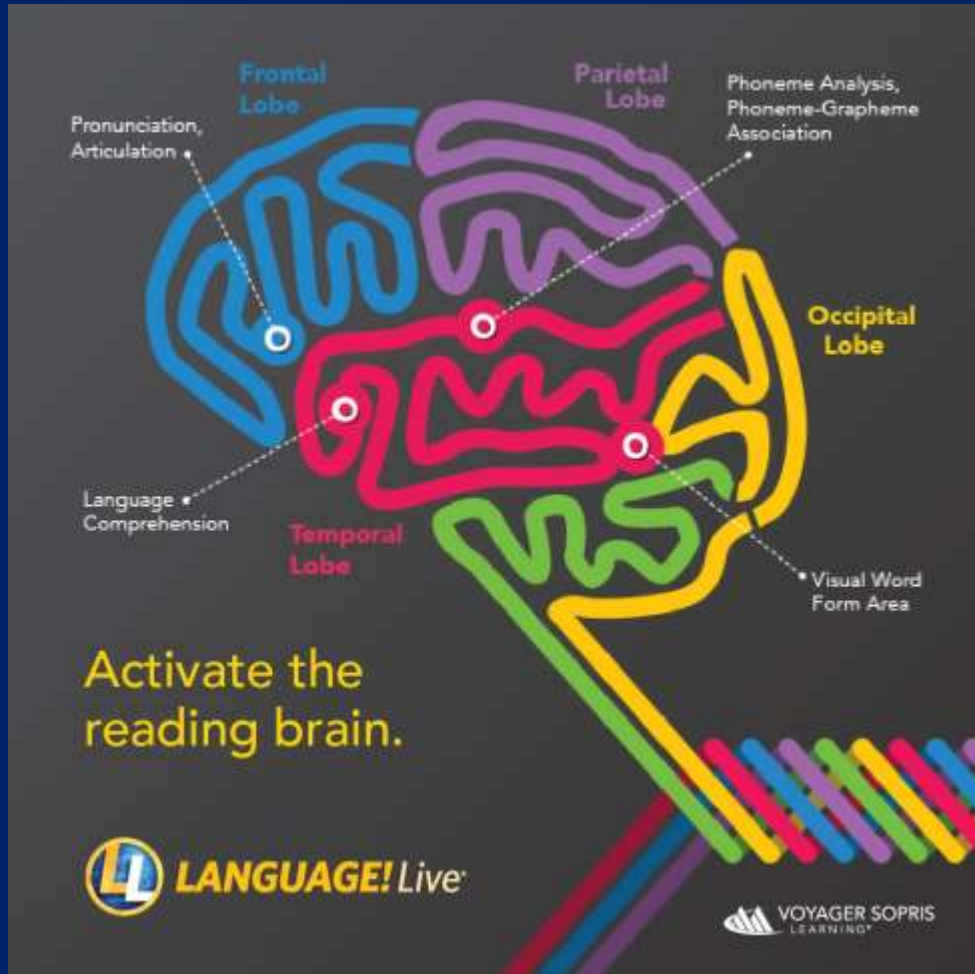
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# ROLLINS CENTER – THE SCIENCE BEHIND DEVELOPING THE READING BRAIN



When teachers can understand the human brain, they can better understand the science behind reading. This will inform educational practices and interventions to support literacy development and reading comprehension skills.

During early childhood, brain development is a dynamic process characterized by rapid growth and structural changes.

Early intervention is the key to future reading success.

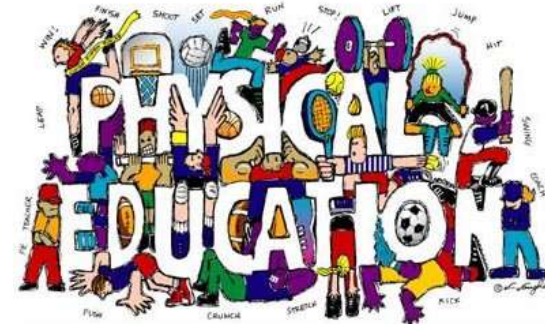


# What will the Acceleration Center Will Offer?

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# WHOLE CHILD SUPPORTS



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
UNITED

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley



# WHAT DOES THIS REQUIRE?

In order to accommodate the Pre K-2 program, Brewer will no longer have an attendance zone.



Brewer students will be geographically reassigned among three partner schools.

1. J.D. Davis
2. Dorothy Height
3. Martin Luther King, Jr.



# 31903 PROXIMITY



1.2 MILES



1.4 MILES



2.5 MILES





# MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS ESOL

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ESOL scholars will attend the Pre K – 2 Acceleration Center at Brewer.



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3<sup>rd</sup> – 5th grade ESOL scholars will attend Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary.



# MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

## ESOL

Early Literacy and Numeracy Acceleration for multilingual learners is paramount. Our teachers will complete extensive training in ways to support dual language learners. One example is the HABLA (TALK) strategy.

- H:** **HONOR** the child's first language.
- A:** **ASK** questions to give ample time for a response.
- B:** **BUILD** on the child's responses.
- L:** **LINK** first language to English
- A:** **ADD** visuals, gestures, and props as you talk.

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# Online Registration Opens April 8, 2024



[www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us)



# Transportation



Apply for Transportation when you complete Online Registration. Click the Transportation App Link.

Bus route details will be available during Verification (August 2-7).

Buses will deliver scholars to their home school as well as Brewer. Siblings will ride same bus.



# Brewer Acceleration Center Principal, Karprice Bentley-Brown

(and current MLK, Jr Principal)



“My educational philosophy is to cultivate a nurturing learning environment where diverse children and passionate adults feel known, valued, and inspired. I am committed to providing the necessary support and professional learning opportunities for teachers to implement personalized learning, student agency, and high-quality literacy and numeracy instruction for our diverse learners. I firmly believe that by offering these opportunities, every student can achieve and reach their highest level of growth.”

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# Dorothy I. Height Principal, Meredith Adams



- I believe that all educators should strive for excellence in everything!
- I believe that all students can achieve academically through high expectations for all.
- I believe in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment.
- I believe in building trusting relationships with students, staff, and parents to foster academic success.
- I believe in working as a team through collaboration in order to have a positive impact on all students.

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# J.D. Davis Principal, Dr. Aetavia Williams



“As a principal, I firmly believe that education transcends the boundaries of a mere career path; it represents a profound, lifelong commitment to teaching and learning. This philosophy underpins every facet of our educational environment, fostering a culture where teaching extends beyond the conventional forty-hour work week. Our educators are not just disseminators of information but are dedicated to nurturing the academic, personal, and ethical growth of every student entrusted to our care. By delivering quality education tailored to each individual, our teachers empower students with the essential tools for success in life.”

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# Martin Luther King, Jr. Principal (2024-25), Felicia Thompson

(currently serving as Allen Principal)



“Quality education is fundamental to a progressive community. To educate our youth is to empower them. As educators, we are responsible for serving our students by continually looking for new solutions to our challenges. Through powerful collaboration and careful planning of solid and effective school programs, we aspire to teach creatively and motivate students to engage deeply in learning.

A quality education grows from a positive school environment. Nurturing a collaborative culture grounded in common goals and relational trust will enable our school to reach beyond complying with state mandates and search for what our students need and deserve. This safe environment is one in which our teachers become risk-takers, allowing us to be innovative while looking for continuous opportunities to meet the needs and challenges of our students in the 21st century. “

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# Brewer Acceleration Center Enrollment Process

- Over the next month, we will continue to evaluate student achievement data and qualify (current Pre K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade) scholars from partner schools for acceptance into the Pre K-2 Acceleration Center at Brewer.
- Informational meetings conducted at partner schools **(April 8-30)**.
- Scholars who are awarded an assignment at Brewer will be notified beginning **May 1, 2024**.



# TIMELINE OVERVIEW



May 6-17: New School Open House

June 3-27: Summer Learning @ Rigdon Rd

August 2-7: 2024-25 School Verification (Bus pass pickup).

August 7: First Day of School: Pre K-2

August 8: First Day of School: 3 – 5

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**STATUS QUO with PREDICTABLE VARIABILITY**

**VS.**

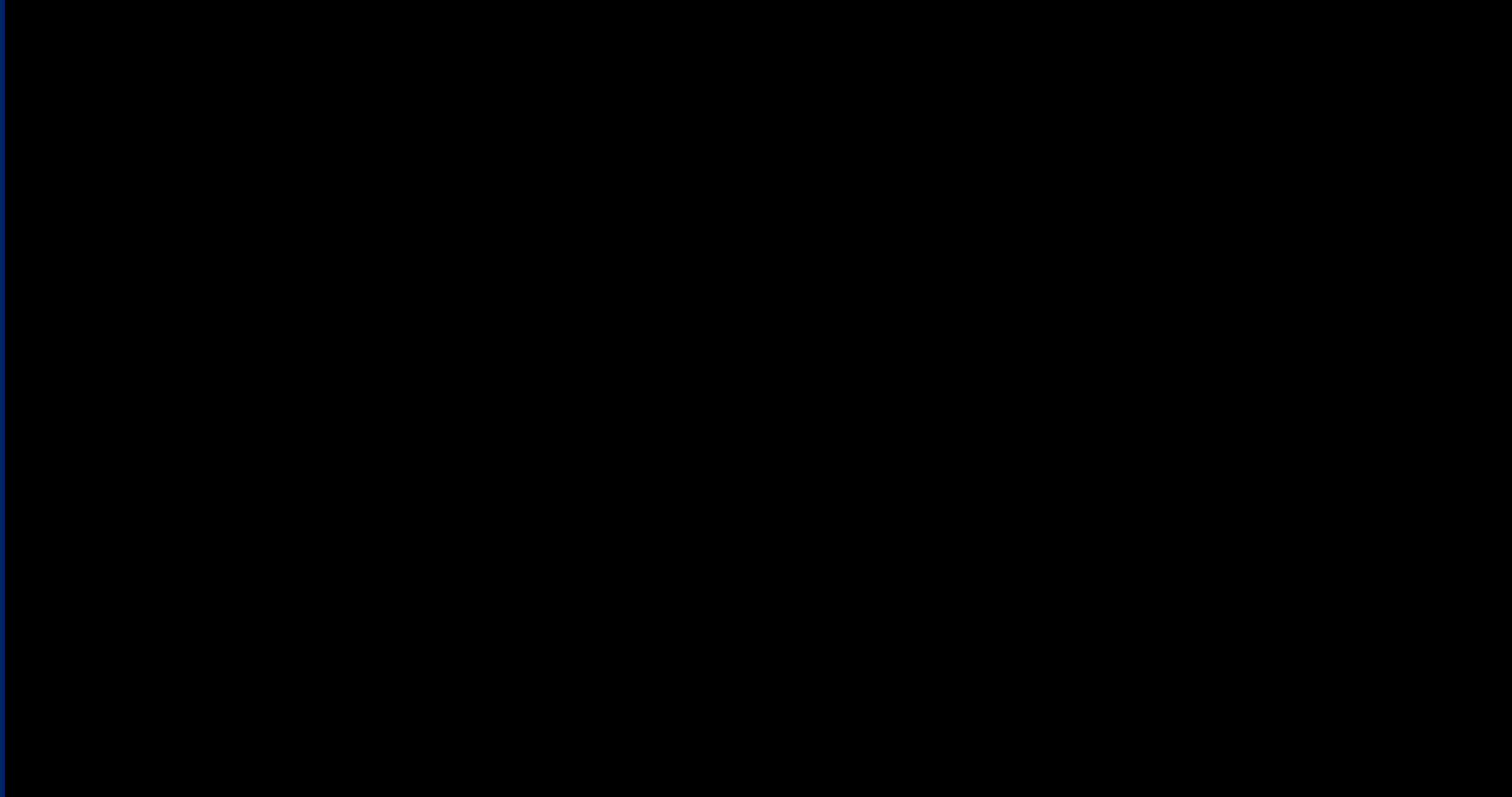
**COMMITMENT with BOLD ACTION**

*The only issue now is whether WE have the collective will to implement the changes necessary to honor each child's right to determine their own future.*

*- Dr. David F. Lewis*



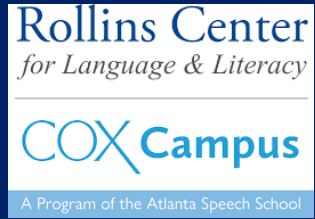
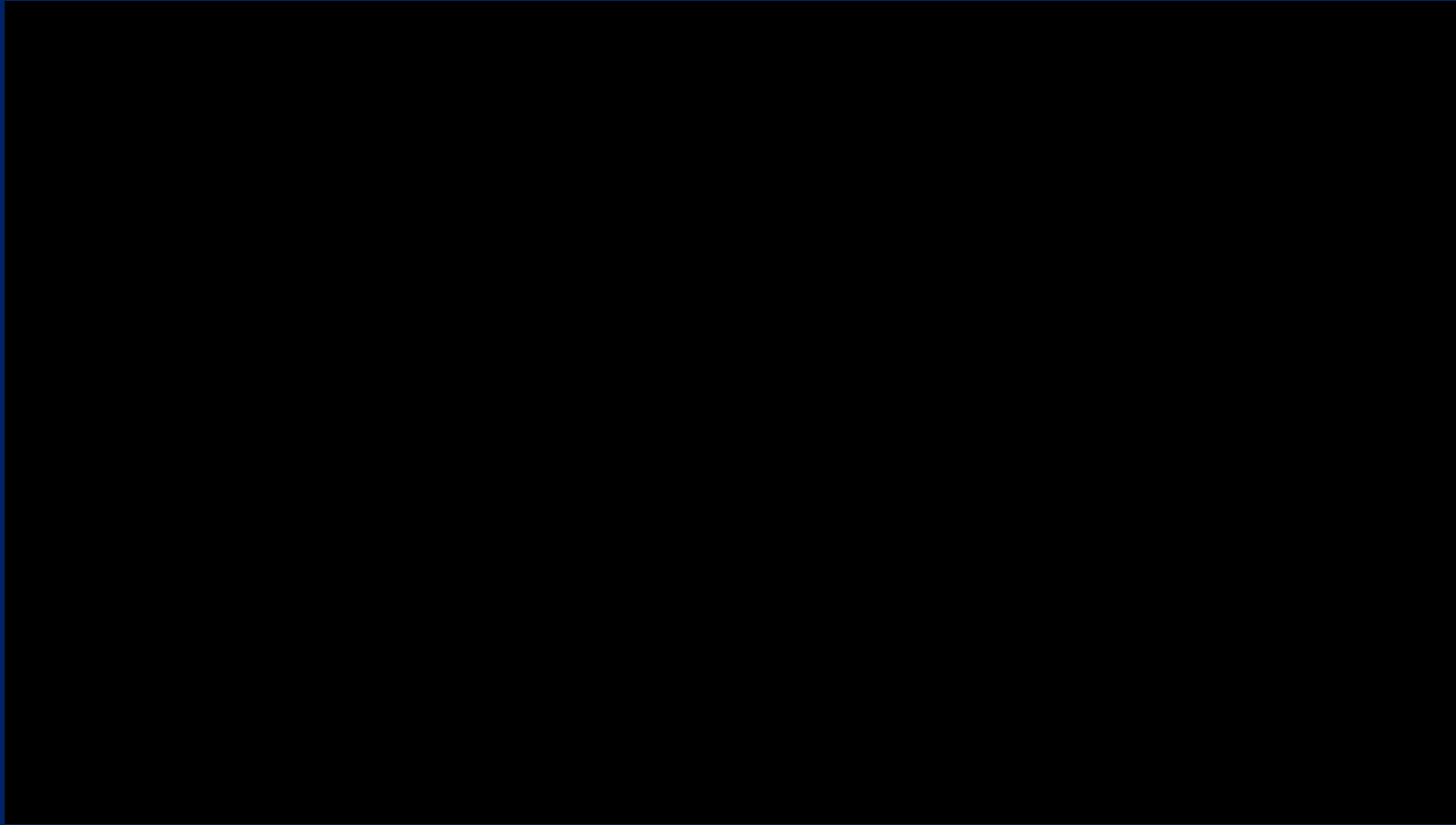
# *What do our community leaders think?*



**Dr. Ralph Huling, Pastor - St. James Missionary Baptist**



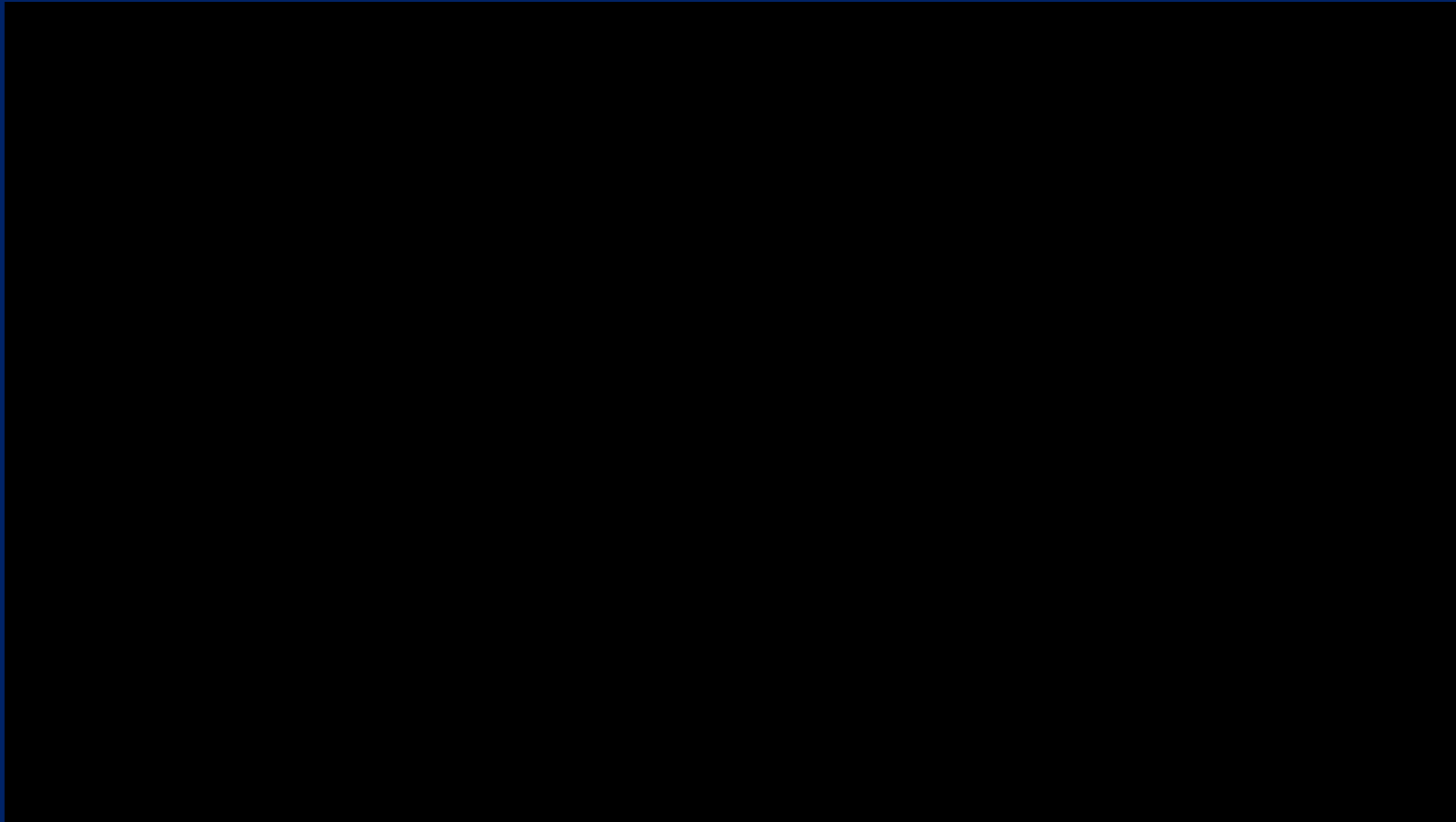
# *What do the experts think?*



**Dr. Comer Yates, Executive Director, Rollins Center**



# *What do the experts think?*



**Dr. Stephanie Johnson, GADOE Deputy Superintendent for  
School Improvement**



***Parents!***



***Thank you for all  
you do and for  
trusting us with  
your children.***





# PARENT QUESTIONS



Submit your questions online and a representative will reply with an answer.

