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# News Release

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## **Back-to-School pep rallies on July 28 assist families with registration and free school supplies**

Fulton County Schools is hosting its second Back to School Pep Rally this Saturday, July 28 at two locations – Banneker High School in South Fulton and North Springs Charter High School in North Fulton from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Known as “First Day Fulton,” the event offers families assistance with registering their student for school and picking up school supplies and by hosting community vendors who provide a variety of services. All activities are free for families.

Fulton County Schools estimates that each academic year, approximately 2,000 students are not in school for the first day. Of these, approximately 1,500 students have not arrived by the 10th day of school, and nearly 500 show up between the 10th and 20th days of school, resulting in missed instructional time.

At each pep rally location, on-site registration staffed by school data clerks and other registration officials will help new families transitioning to Fulton County Schools or those moving from one Fulton school attendance zone to another. Documents needed for registration are posted online at [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org).

In addition to student registration, about 25 healthcare and community vendors will be on site to provide health screenings to children and adults. Drawings for special prizes, such as bicycles, Kindles, gift cards, and tickets to Atlanta venues, also will be held for those who visit the vendor/health fair.

World Changers Church International and the Atlanta Community Food Bank will be on hand to host a food distribution drive to fight hunger, often felt by impoverished and homeless families. Free school supplies also will be distributed while they last.

Sponsors for this year’s pep rallies include ClassLink, Gas South, Worldgate, Office Depot, Atlanta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The Coca-Cola Company and SEI.

Banneker High School is located 6015 Feldwood Road in College Park and North Springs High School is located at 7447 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs.

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 105 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.