ZONE SUPERINTENDENT, DR. ERIC HOLLINHEAD

Dr. Eric Hollinhead has dedicated nearly 20 years to providing students high quality educational experiences. In 2012, he began his career in Fulton County Schools after serving over 12 years in the Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, FL. He led Langston Hughes High School in Fairburn as principal where he increased the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses, decreased the dropout rate and increased the graduation rate by over 20%.

Previously, Dr. Hollinhead served as Central Learning Community’s Area Superintendent. In Zone 4, he supports 12 schools in the Sandy Springs area. He and his wife have two children.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Independence High School is a public high school of choice in Roswell, GA that offers a variety of instruction methods to fit unique learning styles beyond traditional methods. It offers flexible schedules as well as opportunities for credit recovery, blended learning, working at one's own pace, smaller class sizes, more one-on-one work with counselors and early graduation. Independence also has a rolling admissions policy.

North Springs High School opened in 1963, became the district’s first conversion charter high school in 2007 and has a long tradition of academic excellence. It uniquely offers two interest-based magnet programs in math and science as well as visual and performing arts. Each requires students to take additional elective courses in their field of interest creating a transcript that shows depth and rigor.

Riverwood International Charter School opened in the fall of 1971 and is currently accredited as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school offering the Diploma Programme. It is part of an IB cluster in which all the feeder schools - Heards Ferry, High Point and Lake Forest Elementary Schools and Ridgeview Charter School - are IB authorized. Riverwood also provides an International Studies Magnet Program which focuses on social studies and world language. The school has undergone an extensive renovation and is in a new 112,000 square foot, state-of-the-art school building.
HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Academics
- Independence’s SAT scores gained 34 points in 2020 and it was named a Beating the Odds School by the Georgia Governor’s Office of Student Achievement.
- North Springs is a designated: AP Access and Support School, AP School of Distinction, AP Humanities School, AP Humanities Achievement School, AP STEM School and AP Honor School for 2021.
- North Springs offers internships and work-based learning opportunities for juniors and seniors.
- Riverwood is a designated: AP School of Distinction, AP Humanities School, AP Humanities Achievement School, AP STEM School and AP Achievement School for 2021.
- Riverwood has an award-winning outdoor learning environment that includes a food garden where students can learn across the curriculum.

Club and Organization Wins
- Independence offers several clubs such as Interact (service, fundraising), GENTS (male mentoring) and Young Women’s Empowerment Group.
- The North Springs news magazine, The Oracle, won top awards with the 2021 Georgia Scholastic Press Association for column writing and critical review.
- A North Springs student won a National Center for Women & Information Technology Award in 2019.
- A Riverwood student was named a Top Ten Grand Prize winner at the 2021 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair.
- Three Riverwood students won the 2020 General Aviation Manufacturers Association’s (GAMA) Aviation Design Challenge.

Sports
- Twelve North Springs baseball players were named to the 2021 GHSA All-Region team. The team also received the 2020 American Baseball Coaches Association’s Team Academic Excellence Award.
- North Springs boys soccer team won the 2021 region championship.
- North Springs volleyball team won the 2020 region championship.
- Riverwood boys basketball team won the 2020 region championship.
- A Riverwood senior was selected as the 2021 Georgia High School Swim Coaches Association Boys Diver of the Year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ridgeview is a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch, designated by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, through 2022 as well as a certified AVID Showcase School.
- Nearly 70% of Ridgeview students participate in the school’s music program including band, orchestra and chorus. Student musicians benefit from community performance opportunities and partnerships with the Sandy Springs Arts Foundation.
- Sandy Springs has a newly-renovated engineering lab with a state-of-the-art space outfitted for robotics, collaborative work, graphic design and 3-D printing.
- Sandy Springs works in conjunction with Sandy Springs Education Force’s “Link with a Leader” Program for exposure to various careers and is an official Beating the Odds School.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Dunwoody Springs was named a Beating the Odds School.
- Heards Ferry is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.
- High Point was named a 2019-2020 Distinguished School by the Georgia Department of Education.
- Lake Forest offers a Spanish-English Dual Language Immersion program. It has been named an internationally-recognized Model School by Solution Tree and the International Center for Leadership in Education.
- A Spalding Drive student won the Young Author’s Writing Contest at the Metro RESA level.
- Woodland won the Georgia Association for Elementary School Principals 2021 School Bell Award for parent and family engagement.

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