

News Release

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Media Advisory

State Superintendent Woods to observe the transformation under way at Banneker High School

What: State Superintendent Richard Woods will visit Banneker High School to see and hear the school's "turnaround story."

Once designated as an underperforming school, student achievement has significantly improved in recent years at Banneker. The school's graduation rate has dramatically increased along with test scores and overall student performance. Recently, Banneker was removed from the state's failing schools list and was named a "Beating The Odds" school in 2018.

Special guests will visit the "3DE Business Magnet Academy" that draws students for a rigorous academic experience focusing on real-world projects and project-based education as well as the school's new Student and Family Engagement Center, which is considered an exemplar in the state. Guests also will learn about a \$5.2 million School Improvement Grant (SIG) that has funded teaching innovations that help students become more college and career ready.

Time permitting, State Superintendent Woods will meet with student leaders and other staff.

When: Thursday, March 7
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Where: Banneker High School
6015 Feldwood Road, College Park

Who: Richard Woods, State Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Duke Bradley III, Banneker High School Principal
Linda Bryant, FCS School Board President, District 4 Representative
Gail Dean, FCS School Board Member, District 3 Representative
Kimberly Dove, FCS School Board Member, District 6 Representative
Dr. Gyimah Whitaker, Area Superintendent of the FCS South Learning Community
Matthew Krull, State Board of Education Member

Nikema Williams, Georgia Senator
Derrick Jackson, Georgia Representative

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