

Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School

Board Meeting

West Columbia, South Carolina
August 22, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

~ AGENDA ~

1. Call to Order

2. Mission:

Gray Collegiate Academy will serve students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Executive Session

- a) Discussion regarding a contractual matter
- b) Receipt of legal advice regarding a contractual matter
- c) Discussion regarding a personnel matter

6. Actions taken, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session

7. Financial Report- Ms. Marty Rawls

8. Principal's Report- Dr. Brian Newsome

9. Athletic Report-Coach Holmes

10. Adjournment

Public comments:

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'public comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the board chairman.

Each speaker has two minutes.

Speakers may not ask questions of board members.

Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.

Disruptive behavior is not permitted.

Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.

Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

GCA Board Meeting Notes
Monday, June 27, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Teresa Brazell, Josh Jackson, Mackenzie Long, Andy Markl, Wayne McKim, Trevor Kinard, and Chris Greer

Others: Brian Newsome, Marty Rawls, Casey Hallman, Mike Miller, Andy Patrick, and Jay Matthews

-12:09 PM meeting is called to order by Teresa Brazell

-Mission statement read by Teresa Brazell

-Adoption of agenda - Removal of #11-Approval of policy regarding leave
Motion to approve the agenda as amended (1) Mackenzie Long (2) Wayne McKim

-Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting - (1) Mackenzie Long (2) Wayne McKim

-Motion to move into executive session for receipt of client/attorney advice regarding PEBA with Pinnacle and contractual matters (1) Andy Markl (2) Wayne McKim

-Motion to move out of executive session (1) Mackenzie Long (2) Andy Markl

**No actions were taken in executive session.

-Principal's report by Dr. Newsome - Possible delays to sports facilities completion, being challenged

-Financial report by Mrs. Marty Rawls

-Motion to table: Final approval of the 2022-2023 GCA budget to a special meeting called at noon on Wednesday, June 29, 2022
(1) Mackenzie Long (2) Josh Jackson

-Motion to table: Approval of the "Joinder Agreement" with S.C. Deferred Compensation as a Participating Employer
(1) Mackenzie Long (2) Josh Jackson

-Motion to adjourn - (1) Mackenzie Long (2) Josh Jackson

Minutes – Special Call Board meeting – June 29, 2022

Board Members on Call: Teresa Brazell, Josh Jackson, Mackenzie Long, Andy Markl, Wayne McKim, Pennie Peagler, Trevor Kinard, Chris Greer

Others - Brian Newsome, Casey Hallman, Andy Patrick and Mike Miller

- 12:04 PM meeting is called to order by Teresa Brazell
- Mission Statement Read by Teresa Brazell
- Adoption of Agenda - (1) Mackenzie Long (2) Wayne McKim
- Motion made to move into Executive Session for legal advise -
(1) Andy Markl (2) Mackenzie Long
- ** NO Actions were taken in Executive Session
- Motion made to come out of Executive Session - (1) Andy Markl (2) Pennie Peagler
- Motion made to move back into Regular Session - (1) Josh Jackson (2) Pennie Peagler
- Motion made to amend GCA Mission Statement – To remove “High School” leaving
“Students” (1) Andy Markl (2) Mackenzie Long
Mission Statement – Gray Collegiate Academy will serve students in a safe, small,
family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of a rigorous curriculum,
high academic standards, and outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of
college credit while in high school.
- Final Approval of the GCA Budget - Motion to Approve as Presented by Mrs. Marty Rawl
(1) Pennie Peagler (2) Wayne McKim (No Objections)
- Approval of the “Joinder Agreement” with the SC Deferred Compensation as a participating
Employer - Motion to Authorize Brian Newsome and Theresa Brazell to finalize Lawyer Jay
Matthew’s letter to Pinnacle (1) Chris Greer (2) Pennie Peagler (No Objections)
- Discussions regarding the End of Year Bonus - Dr. Newsome to act in accordance with process
always followed. Procedure explained to all affected and backed by the full support of the GCA
board. No further action to be taken
- Motion to adjourn- (1) Andy Markl (2) Josh Jackson

Gray Collegiate Academy
Revenues and Expenses - Budget to Actual
Management Use Only
For the One Month Ended July 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
Total EFA Revenue:	564,203	575,716	(11,513)	6,908,596	6,344,393
2% to District	(11,284)	(11,514)	230	(138,172)	(126,888)
Net EFA Revenue	552,919	564,202	(11,283)	6,770,424	6,217,505
Student and Athletics User Fees	33,680	20,833	12,847	250,000	216,320
Title 2	-	-	-	-	-
GEER	-	-	-	-	-
CARES Act Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Investments	12,450	104	12,346	1,250	(11,200)
Total Revenue	599,050	585,140	13,910	7,021,674	6,422,624

Classroom Instruction

Salaries

Classroom Teachers	61,750	113,367	(51,617)	1,360,400	1,298,650
LD teachers	6,667	2,267	4,400	27,200	20,533
Total Salaries of Full Time Personnel	68,417	115,633	(47,217)	1,387,600	1,319,183

Adjunct Instructors	-	3,042	(3,042)	36,500	36,500
Total Instructional Personnel	68,417	118,675	(50,258)	1,424,100	1,355,683

Retirement-Classroom Teachers	1,218	-	1,218	-	(1,218)
Retirement-LD Teacher	118	-	118	-	(118)
Social Security-Classroom Teachers	5,547	8,667	(3,119)	104,000	98,453
Social Security-LD Teachers	602	173	428	2,080	1,478
Health Insurance (includes dental, etc)- Classroom Teac	10,800	14,083	(3,283)	169,000	158,200
Health Insurance (includes dental, etc.)-LD Teachers	1,200	1,200	-	14,400	13,200
Workers' Compensation-Classroom Teachers	338	139	199	1,670	1,332
Workers' Compensation-LD Teachers	39	33	6	400	361
Unemployment Compensation-Classroom Teachers	-	167	(167)	2,000	2,000
Unemployment Compensation-LD Teachers	-	16	(16)	190	190
Teacher bonuses	-	-	-	-	-
Classroom and Instructional Supplies	9,933	8,813	1,121	105,750	95,817
Exceptional Supplies	-	208	(208)	2,500	2,500
Textbooks	-	-	-	-	-
Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.)	18,791	2,917	15,874	35,000	16,209
Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.) LD	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment-LD	-	-	-	-	-
Technology and Equipment	58,027	4,333	53,693	52,000	(6,027)
Curriculum Development	-	-	-	-	-
Substitute Teachers	-	1,833	(1,833)	22,000	22,000
Total Instruction	175,029	161,258	13,772	1,935,090	1,760,061

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Revenues and Expenses - Budget to Actual
Management Use Only
For the One Month Ended July 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
Instructional Support Services					
Pupil Personnel Services					
Salaries					
Student Support	21,175	7,542	13,633	90,500	69,326
PowerSchool Coordinator	3,333	7,450	(4,117)	89,400	86,067
Total Pupil Personnel Staff	24,508	14,992	9,516	179,900	155,392
Retirement	861	308	553	3,700	2,839
Social Security	2,196	1,169	1,027	14,029	11,833
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	4,200	3,792	408	45,500	41,300
Workers' Compensation	94	29	65	350	256
Unemployment Compensation	-	42	(42)	504	504
Total Pupil Personnel Services	31,859	20,332	11,527	243,983	212,124
Staff Development					
Workshop Stipends	-	-	-	-	-
Consulting Services - Exceptional	-	-	-	-	-
Travel (workshop registration, lodging, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Staff Development	-	-	-	-	-
General Support Services					
Board					
Professional Services (Legal)	4,000	6,250	(2,250)	75,000	71,000
Insurance - General Liability	21,628	2,083	19,545	25,000	3,372
Audit	-	1,667	(1,667)	20,000	20,000
Governance Training	-	-	-	-	-
Total Board	25,628	10,000	15,628	120,000	94,372
General Administration					
Pinnacle EMO Services per contract	70,833	70,833	(0)	850,000	779,167
School Administration					
Salaries					
Administrative Personnel	49,583	40,733	8,850	488,800	439,217
Total Office Personnel	49,583	40,733	8,850	488,800	439,217
Retirement	311	467	(156)	5,600	5,289
Social Security	4,069	3,117	952	37,400	33,331
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	3,600	3,600	-	43,200	39,600
Workers' Compensation	322	25	297	300	(22)
Unemployment Compensation	-	50	(50)	600	600
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Printing/advertising	-	3,333	(3,333)	40,000	40,000
Printing and Binding	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues and Fees	7,468	-	7,468	12,000	4,532
Office Services and Supplies	10,283	6,667	3,617	80,000	69,717
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
School Resource Officer	-	4,583	(4,583)	55,000	55,000
Travel (workshop registration, lodging, etc.)	-	1,250	(1,250)	15,000	15,000
Total School Administration	75,636	64,825	10,811	777,900	702,264
Facilities Acquisition and Construction					
Building Lease	-	-	-	-	-
Land	-	-	-	-	-
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	-	-

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	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
Fiscal/HR Services					
Contracted Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Contracted Human Resources and Payroll	-	-	-	-	38,000
Bank Fees/ Processing Fees	140	167	(26)	2,000	1,860
Total Fiscal/HR Services	140	167	(26)	2,000	1,860
Central Services					
Dues and Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Total Central Services	-	-	-	-	-
Operation of Plant					
Salaries					
Custodians	3,455	3,517	(62)	42,200	38,745
Total Plant Personnel	3,455	3,517	(62)	42,200	38,745
Retirement	106	38	68	450	345
Social Security	316	292	25	3,500	3,184
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	679	600	79	7,200	6,521
Workers' Compensation	48	4	44	50	2
Unemployment Compensation	6	8	(2)	100	94
Communication	-	1,667	(1,667)	20,000	20,000
Water and Sewage	-	417	(417)	5,000	5,000
Garbage	350	417	(67)	5,000	4,650
Other Purchased Services					
Custodial Services (contracted)	5,681	5,000	681	60,000	54,319
Fire/Security Alarm Monitoring	-	-	-	-	-
Property insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	5,241	8,333	(3,092)	100,000	94,759
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Construction Services	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operation of Plant	15,882	20,292	(4,409)	243,500	227,618
Maintenance of Plant					
Repairs and Maintenance	352	6,250	(5,898)	75,000	74,648
Supplies	1,739	2,500	(761)	30,000	28,261
Total Maintenance of Plant	2,091	8,750	(6,659)	105,000	102,909
Food Services					
Food Services Contractor	-	-	-	-	-
Total Food Services	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Technology Services					
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Servers	-	-	-	-	-
Software Leases	-	-	-	-	-
Total Administrative Technology Services	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Legal Services	-	-	-	-	-
Redemption of Principle	1,493	8,750	(7,257)	105,000	103,507
Interest	105,654	66,667	38,988	800,000	694,346
Fees	-	34,308	(34,308)	411,700	411,700
Total Debt Service	107,147	109,725	(2,578)	1,316,700	1,209,553
Student Transportation Services	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Liability	6,081	1,667	4,414	20,000	13,919
	6,081	1,667	4,414	20,000	13,919

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
Athletics					
Salary	26,986	42,443	(15,457)	509,315	482,329
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Equipment	27,366	25,000	2,366	300,000	272,634
Transportation	4,093	4,167	(73)	50,000	45,907
Facility	-	1,667	(1,667)	20,000	20,000
Total Athletics	58,445	73,276	(14,831)	879,315	820,870
Total Budgeted Expenditures	568,773	541,124	27,649	6,493,488	5,924,715
Balance	30,276	44,016	(13,739)	528,186	497,910

Gray Collegiate Academy, Inc.

Profit & Loss

July 2022

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Accrual Basis

	Jul 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
1000 Revenue From Local Sources	
1900 Other Rev. From Local Sour	
1999 Rev from Other Local Sourc	
Misc Fees	33,680.46
Total 1999 Rev from Other Local Sourc	33,680.46
Total 1900 Other Rev. From Local Sour	33,680.46
Total 1000 Revenue From Local Sources	33,680.46
1500 Earnings on Investments	
1510 Interest on Investments	12,450.33
Total 1500 Earnings on Investments	12,450.33
3000 Revenue From State Sources	
3103 State Aid to Classrooms	479,649.98
3503 State Aid to Classrooms	84,553.00
3583 2% District Retainer	-11,284.06
Total 3000 Revenue From State Sources	552,918.92
Total Income	599,049.71
Expense	
100 Instruction	
110 General Instruction	
114 High School Programs	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	61,750.08
115 Paraprof/Teacher Assist/Cle	0.00
Total 100 Salaries	61,750.08
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Insur	10,800.00
220 Employee Retirement	1,217.50
230 Social Security	5,547.48
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
270 Worker's Compensation Tax	338.00
Total 200 Employee Benefits	17,902.98
400 Supplies and Materials	
410 Supplies	9,933.08
445 Technology and Software Sup	58,026.82
Total 400 Supplies and Materials	67,959.90
500 Capital Outlay	
540 Equipment	18,791.00
Total 500 Capital Outlay	18,791.00
Total 114 High School Programs	166,403.96
Total 110 General Instruction	166,403.96
120 Exceptional Programs	
127 Learning Disabilities	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	6,666.68
Total 100 Salaries	6,666.68

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	<u>Jul 22</u>
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Insur	1,200.00
220 Employee Retirement	118.00
230 Social Security	601.80
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
270 Workers Compensation Tax	39.00
	<u>1,958.80</u>
Total 200 Employee Benefits	1,958.80
Total 127 Learning Disabilities	<u>8,625.48</u>
Total 120 Exceptional Programs	<u>8,625.48</u>
Total 100 Instruction	175,029.44
200 Support Services	
210 Support Services - Students	
212 Guidance Services	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	17,107.84
	<u>17,107.84</u>
Total 100 Salaries	17,107.84
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Insur	3,000.00
220 Employee Retirement	603.24
230 Social Security	1,538.26
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
270 Workers Compensation Tax	55.00
	<u>5,196.50</u>
Total 200 Employee Benefits	5,196.50
Total 212 Guidance Services	22,304.34
213 Health Services	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	4,066.66
	<u>4,066.66</u>
Total 100 Salaries	4,066.66
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Insur	600.00
220 Employee Retirement	140.00
230 Social Security	357.00
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
270 Worker's Compensation Tax	39.00
	<u>1,136.00</u>
Total 200 Employee Benefits	1,136.00
Total 213 Health Services	5,202.66
Total 210 Support Services - Students	27,507.00
230 Support Serv. - Gen Adminis	
231 Board of Education	
300 Purchased Services	
319 Legal Services	4,000.00
	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total 300 Purchased Services	4,000.00
600 Other Objects	
640 Membership Dues and Fees	7,468.00
650 Liability Insurance	21,628.40
	<u>29,096.40</u>
Total 600 Other Objects	29,096.40
Total 231 Board of Education	33,096.40

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Profit & Loss

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	<u>Jul 22</u>
233 School Administration	
100 Salaries	
111 Principal/Asst Pr Salaries	40,833.34
115 Parapro/Assist/Clerical Sal	8,749.98
Total 100 Salaries	<u>49,583.32</u>
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Insur	3,600.00
220 Employee Retirement	311.00
230 Social Security	4,068.58
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
270 Worker's Compensation Tax	322.34
Total 200 Employee Benefits	<u>8,301.92</u>
300 Purchased Services	
315 Management Services	70,833.00
Total 300 Purchased Services	<u>70,833.00</u>
400 Supplies and Materials	
410 Supplies	10,283.18
Total 400 Supplies and Materials	<u>10,283.18</u>
Total 233 School Administration	<u>139,001.42</u>
Total 230 Support Serv. - Gen Adminis	172,097.82
250 Support Serv. - Fin. and Op	
252 Fiscal Services	
600 Other Objects	
690 Processing and Bank Fees	140.42
Total 600 Other Objects	<u>140.42</u>
Total 252 Fiscal Services	140.42
254 Oper and Maint of Plant	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	3,455.12
Total 100 Salaries	<u>3,455.12</u>
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Ins.	678.90
220 Employee Retirement	105.50
230 Social Security	316.27
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	6.05
270 Worker's Compensation Tax	48.00
Total 200 Employee Benefits	<u>1,154.72</u>
300 Purchased Services	
321.2 Public Utility - Garbage	350.00
322 Cleaning Services	5,681.00
323 Repair and Maint Services	352.00
Total 300 Purchased Services	<u>6,383.00</u>
400 Supplies and Materials	
410 Supplies	1,739.08
470 Energy (Elec, Gas, Oil)	5,241.33
Total 400 Supplies and Materials	<u>6,980.41</u>
Total 254 Oper and Maint of Plant	17,973.25

Gray Collegiate Academy, Inc.
Profit & Loss
 July 2022

	Jul 22
255 Student Transportation	
600 Other Objects	
650 Liability Insurance (Vehic)	6,081.00
Total 600 Other Objects	6,081.00
Total 255 Student Transportation	6,081.00
Total 250 Support Serv. - Fin. and Op	24,194.67
260 Support Serv. - Central	
266 Tech and Data Processing Sv	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	3,333.34
Total 100 Salaries	3,333.34
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Ins.	600.00
220 Employee Retirement	118.00
230 Social Security	300.90
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	0.00
Total 200 Employee Benefits	1,018.90
Total 266 Tech and Data Processing Sv	4,352.24
Total 260 Support Serv. - Central	4,352.24
270 Support Serv. - Pupil Activ	
271 Pupil Service Activities	
100 Salaries	
110 Regular Salaries	20,505.12
Total 100 Salaries	20,505.12
200 Employee Benefits	
210 Group Health and Life Ins.	2,478.90
220 Employee Retirement	499.34
230 Social Security	1,750.65
260 Unemployment Comp Tax	37.41
270 Worker's Compensation Tax	94.33
Total 200 Employee Benefits	4,860.63
300 Purchased Services	
311 Instructional Services - Co	1,620.00
331 Transportation	4,093.37
Total 300 Purchased Services	5,713.37
400 Supplies and Materials	
410 Supplies	27,365.79
Total 400 Supplies and Materials	27,365.79
Total 271 Pupil Service Activities	58,444.91
Total 270 Support Serv. - Pupil Activ	58,444.91
Total 200 Support Services	286,596.64

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Accrual Basis

Gray Collegiate Academy, Inc.

Profit & Loss

July 2022

	<u>Jul 22</u>
400 Other Charges	
500 Debt Service	
610 Redemption of Principal	1,492.91
620 Interest	105,654.38
Total 500 Debt Service	<u>107,147.29</u>
Total 400 Other Charges	<u>107,147.29</u>
Total Expense	<u>568,773.37</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>30,276.34</u>
Net Income	<u><u>30,276.34</u></u>

Gray Collegiate Academy, Inc.
Balance Sheet
 As of July 31, 2022

	Jul 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Com Bank - Directors Acct	3,828.98
First Com Bank - Operating	
Student Council	23,508.23
First Com Bank - Operating - Other	426,651.68
Total First Com Bank - Operating	450,159.91
First Comm - Repurchase	3,030,124.53
Petty Cash	400.00
UMB-Bond Trust Account	13,010,516.96
Total Checking/Savings	16,495,030.38
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	292,427.60
Total Accounts Receivable	292,427.60
Other Current Assets	
Employee Advance	39,130.69
Prepaid Insurance	10,990.49
Total Other Current Assets	50,121.18
Total Current Assets	16,837,579.16
TOTAL ASSETS	16,837,579.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	4,775.83
Total Accounts Payable	4,775.83
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to GCA LP	355,753.24
Funds in Trust - Oper Acct	
Funds Held in Trust - Stud Coun	23,508.23
Total Funds in Trust - Oper Acct	23,508.23
Interest & Other Fees Payable	105,558.33
Payroll Liabilities	-235.50
Retirement Payable	17,443.26
Total Other Current Liabilities	502,027.56
Total Current Liabilities	506,803.39
Total Liabilities	506,803.39
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	16,300,499.43
Net Income	30,276.34
Total Equity	16,330,775.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	16,837,579.16



**School Board Meeting
August 22, 2022
Principal's Report**

*Enrollment is currently at 800 students. We still have a waiting list.

*Tours will resume after Labor Day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays twice a day. Lunch and learns will resume in October.

*The staggered start time for middle and high school is going well. This change has drastically helped with the congestion in the mornings. The reopening of Jessamine Road will help in the future as well. Additionally, we have reached out to SCDOT regarding a potential no left turn sign at the corner of Vanarsdale Drive and Leaphart Road.

*Construction is still going well. The new cafe is expected to open after Labor Day. We will continue Chick-Fil-A sales at lunch until the new cafe opens. We are selling 100-125 sandwiches per day.

*Fall Sports Spirit Night: Spirit night was a huge success. Many families attended the event. The event featured the varsity fall sports and was sponsored by the Booster Club.

*Gifted and Talented Funding: The GT funding should increase this year. We have identified more students already and expect to identify more in the coming weeks as transfer records arrive. All of our certified teachers are either currently GT endorsed or seeking their certification during this school year.

*Teacher Certification: In an effort to decrease the number of uncertified teachers we have numerous teachers enrolled in the Teachers of Tomorrow program. They will gain their initial certification during the 22-23 school year.

*Career and Technology Education: Gray will have its first class of CTE Completers this year. We have added an additional course to the series so the students can become completers. In the future, due to the addition of Ms. Keim we will be able to add a completer path for Sports Medicine.

*Curriculum Updates: Gray currently uses Go Guardian to monitor students' devices. We are currently using a 30 day free premium trial of Pear Deck and Edulastic which are

Go Guardian products. The staff will review the trials in the next 2 weeks to determine if there is a need for a schoolwide software purchase.

*MAP Testing: MAP testing will take place this week for 7th and 8th grades. MAP is a state approved formative assessment and a requirement of the SCDE. The testing of 9th grade has been waived for the 22-23 school year.

*Personnel Update: We are currently fully staffed.

*Important Dates: 9/5/22 Labor Day Holiday, No School For Teachers/Students
10/20/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Athletics

This fall we have over 220 athletes participating in fall sports. This is the most athletes we have had participating in fall sports. We have 100 kids in football, 56 in Cross Country, 37 in Volleyball, and 30 in Cheer. We also have a great turnout for our Dance Team as well. We had a great Meet and Greet This past Wednesday. It was amazing to see all the parents and athletes coming together at the school. The booster club did an amazing job on food, and selling merchandise, and Coach Bethea and Mrs. Amy did a great job running the event. There was a lot of school spirit there last Wednesday.

Football

Our Varsity Football team played Oceanside last Saturday Night (due to the weather) and got beat 48-20. Everything that could have gone wrong did! Hopefully our guys realize now what it takes to compete and maintain our level of excellence. This hopefully is a great learning tool for our guys and we bounce back this Friday as we travel to Crestwood High School. Game time is 7:30 p.m. They have a good football team, and we will be tested next week. Come out to Sumter and support our boys this Friday.

Volleyball

The volleyball team has had a great start to the season. Coach Peagler and all her assistants have done an amazing job at taking over the program and has brought amazing energy. They have had three great scrimmages and they open the season this Thursday night at home against Lugoff Elgin. Game time is 6 p.m. This is just a Varsity contest. The JV's have their first contest August 30th in a Tri match at Camden. Good luck to Coach Peagler and the girls this Thursday and come out and support our Girls.

Cross Country

Coach Heise has done another amazing job at getting kids out and participating in Cross Country. He has 56 kids in his program, and they have been working hard since this summer with all of their conditioning. They as well have their first meet this Wednesday at Chapin. The meet begins at 5 p.m. Good luck to the team and Coach Heise!

Cheer

Our Cheerleaders are gearing up for another successful season. They came down Friday to cheer on our boys, but we got rained out. They have been working extremely hard this season and are gearing up for competition season. Their first competition will be September 24th at Irmo. The girls are excited to start the season.