

Johnson County Board of Education

SWSS/IE² Application

THE CASE

In accordance with the State of Georgia Article 4, O.C.G.A. 20-2-84, it is the intent of the Johnson County School System to operate as a Strategic Waivers School System (SWSS)/Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) school system through the development of the IE² partnership between our school system and the State Board of Education. The following components consist of the current planning for completing the application and developing the contract necessary to take effect on July 1, 2016.

Johnson County School System Overview

The Johnson County School System serves approximately 1175 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. State funding provides 65% of the revenue for the operation of the system, with 25% coming from local funds and 10% coming from federal funding. The district has one school per grade span on two campuses, a PreK through grade 5 elementary school campus and a middle/high combined campus for grades 6 – 12. Johnson County Middle/High School consists of two individual schools that share one school building. An alternative school that operates as a part of the high school is also located on the campus for students in grades 6 – 12. All Johnson County schools are Title I School-Wide, and all will be considered in this contract. Johnson County High School was designated a priority school for FY 2016 based on low achievement data from the previous three years. The 4-year cohort graduation rate for FY 2015 was 81.8%, which represents an increase from 69.3% for FY 2014.

Approximately 76% of students in Johnson County Schools qualify for free and reduced meals, but all students in the district receive free meals. Approximately 37% of students are Black, 42% of students are White, 14% of students are Hispanic, 4% of students are Asian, and 3% of

students are multi-ethnic. The SPED population for K-12th Grade is approximately 11%, while ESOL population is approximately 5.2% across the district. The gifted population is approximately 11.5% across all three schools.

As part of the accountability, the Johnson County School System will continue to work to increase performance on all CCRPI indicators, including achievement, progress, and achievement gap. The district will encourage all schools to implement the strategies necessary to have more students to exceed expectations. The district, along with each individual school, will be responsible for appropriate use of resources, positive school climate and positive parent and community involvement.