

# History of

## W. J. Cooper Elementary School

In August 2003, W. J. Cooper Elementary School opened its doors to serve 1,206 students. The school was built as a relief school for Grayson Elementary and was funded through the 2002 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Cooper Elementary opened as part of the Grayson Cluster.

The school is named for William Jennings Cooper. While never a teacher himself, Mr. Cooper was surrounded by educators and made significant contributions to the education community in Gwinnett. Mr. Cooper was a member of the Grayson Board of Education, when it was still in existence in the late 1930s and early 1940s. He also served on the Gwinnett County Board of Education. In addition, Mr. Cooper was a member of several civic and church groups, and had substantial land holdings. During World War II, he sold war bonds and spearheaded Red Cross efforts. At the time of his death in 1946, Mr. Cooper was mayor of Grayson.

W. J. Cooper Elementary has experienced tremendous growth since it opened in 2003, and is projected to have 1,715 students in the 2006–07 school year when a 45-

### FAST FACTS

**Address:** 555 Ozora Road  
Loganville, GA 30052

The following have been principals of W. J. Cooper Elementary School:

2003–2008	Dr. Phil Epperson
2008–Present	Dr. Donna R. Bishop

**School Colors:** Green and Gold

**School Mascot:** Ram

room, three-story addition is completed and ready for occupancy.

The school colors are green and gold and the mascot for the school is the ram. A mural of the ram is in the school atrium with the names of all students and staff members that were at Cooper in the 2003–04 school year listed on the rock beneath the ram.

