

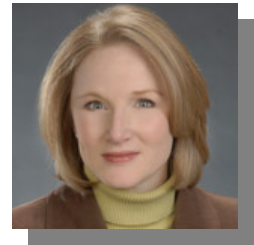


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Cisco Supports Gwinnett Schools Educational Excellence

Supporting the **Gwinnett County Board of Education's** belief that all students can learn, the **Cisco Foundation** approved a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to the **Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation Fund, Inc.** in support of programs that address performance gaps between different groups of students.

"Cisco Systems is actively involved in promoting quality of life and business issues affecting the region," says Renee Byrd-Lewis, director, Cisco community relations. "Support for competence in reading, mathematics, and science is vital to our shared success as a community and as a global partner."



Renee Byrd-Lewis
Cisco Community Relations

The Cisco Foundation grant will support districtwide goals to increase the percentage of students achieving in the exceeds category per Criterion Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) in Reading and Mathematics for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by federal and state standards.



The grant also will support AYP subgroups of Students with Disabilities (SWD) and English Language Learners (ELL). In addition, the grant will assist Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives that promote an increase in student performance.

GCPS was the winner of the 2010 Broad Prize which is awarded each year to honor urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among low-income and minority students.

The GCPS Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to providing financial resources to enrich and extend education in Gwinnett County Public Schools. To become a partner or learn more, contact Kelly Herndon, the Foundation's executive director, at 678-301-6077, or visit www.gcps-foundation.org