

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



<b>TITLE:</b> High Point Schools Partnership update	
<b>FROM:</b> Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager	<b>MEETING DATE:</b> March 7, 2024
<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> n/a	<b>ADVERTISED DATE/BY:</b> n/a
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> Presentation	

**PURPOSE:**

High Point Schools Partnership will provide an update.

**BACKGROUND:**

High Point Schools Partnership (HPSP) is a volunteer-led, grassroots initiative affiliated with Guilford Education Alliance (GEA). It was started in 2019 when community leaders led by Business High Point and the High Point Community Foundation began to explore ways to promote, strengthen, and advocate for great schools in High Point.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:**

Information item only.





HPSP is an GEA initiative



# High Point Schools PARTNERSHIP

Great Communities have Great Schools



# OUR TEAM



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PROGRAM COORDINATOR



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COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
COORDINATOR



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Youth Enrichment and  
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# High Point Schools PARTNERSHIP

## MISSION

The mission of the HPSP is to mobilize the High Point community – our businesses, civic groups, religious organizations, and government – around the common purpose of partnering with our schools to bring them and the students they serve to their full potential.





# OUR WHY

GCS is the 5th  
largest  
employer in  
HP

High Point  
Schools make  
up 27/126  
GCS Schools

18/27 Schools  
in High Point  
are Title I



# STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

1. Transform the narrative of High Point public schools
2. Collaborate with GEA to enhance GCS' engagement, impact, and outcomes in High Point Public Schools
3. Build impactful and sustainable partnerships between the community and High Point public schools
4. Establish an ecosystem of collaboration among Youth Enrichment Providers (Y.E.P) to enhance programming and increase student success outcomes

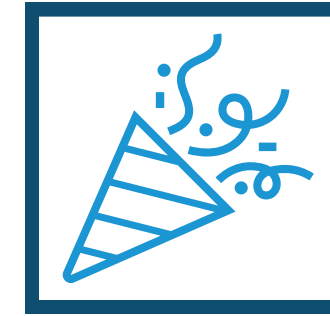


# PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES



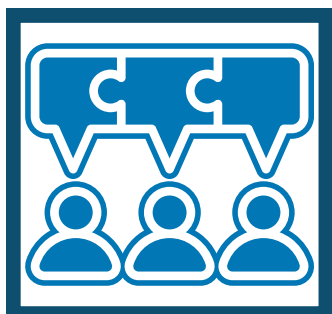
Networking Events

Educator Appreciation &  
Student Celebration



Partners For Education

Career Exploration &  
Workforce Development



Youth Enrichment Providers (Y.E.P.)  
Collaboration





# High Point Schools PARTNERSHIP

## Signature Events

- Extraordinary Educators Luncheon
- Student Leadership Awards
- Principal for a day
- Faith Leaders Luncheon







# High Point Schools PARTNERSHIP

## Partners for Education

This is a combined effort of HPSP (a Guilford Education Alliance initiative) and GCS, to support the success of High Point Schools by developing impactful, sustainable, and **mutually beneficial** partnerships between individual schools and local businesses, industries, civic, church, and community groups.

# PARTNERSHIPS



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# CAREER EXPLORATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



- Expose students, teachers, and GCS staff to career opportunities and pathways within High Points most prominent industries.
- Partner with businesses to develop Student Worked Based Learning Opportunities
  - Job Shadowing
  - Teacher Externships
  - Site visits
  - Student Internships/ Apprenticeships



# Y.E.P. COLLABORATION



## Youth Enrichment Provider Collaboration

- Facilitate programming that will foster a community of collaboration among
- Identify Youth Services Gaps
- Build a referral network
- Exchange Ideas & Problem solve
- Provide trainings that will enhance programming





# High Point Schools PARTNERSHIP

## Y.E.P Initiatives

- Fall Convening - Mental Health
- Spring Convening - Literacy
- Collaboration and Connection
  - YEP Spotlights and Events in newsletter
- 55 YEP Visits
- Leadership Coaching -D4
- Research - analyze data -gaps and overlaps
- Digital YEP Digital Directory- Draft April





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**SCHOOLS IN  
HIGH POINT**

A photograph of three diverse children sitting on the floor in a library. A girl with red hair is on the left, a boy with dark curly hair is in the center, and a boy with dark skin is on the right. They are all looking towards the right. The background is filled with bookshelves. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid in the center.

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