



District Accountability System Goal 4, Objective C
Engagement through Mentoring & Tutoring
Annual Report – June 2014
Executive Summary

Goal 4, Objective C of the District Accountability System seeks to increase the number of mentors and tutors engaged with our students. In the 2013-2014 school year, a total of 2,727 mentors/tutors were engaged with Savannah-Chatham students. This is a 10.49% increase compared to the 2012-2013 school year and represents the attainment of the annual objective. A visual display is shown in Figure 1. See individual school data on tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 below.

Schools across the district continue to benefit from the involvement of those individuals and organizations who are committed to helping our youth stay engaged in education.

Mentors and tutors instill a positive attitude toward academic excellence that helps students understand the connection between education and their future success.

The school district worked with mentor organizations, the military community, faith based organizations, parent volunteers, and area colleges to provide real world connections in the classroom, community collaboration, and enriched educational activities.

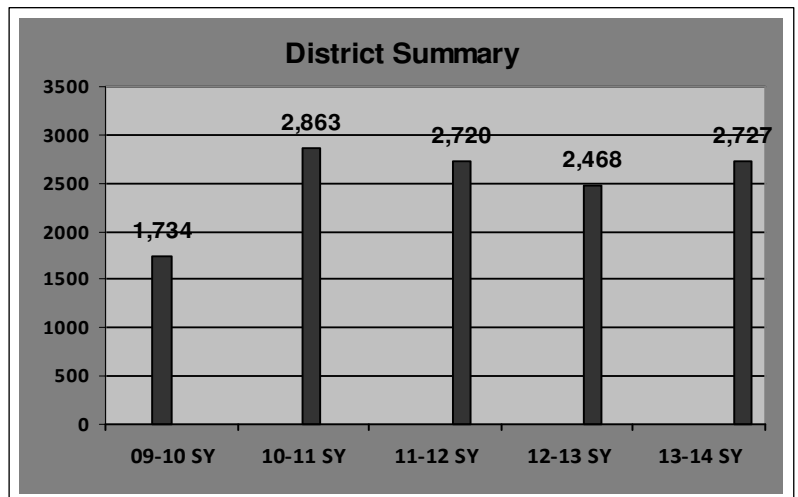


Figure 1

While individuals, parents, and other community agencies play a role in mentorships and tutoring, many organized agencies who seek to enhance the educational landscape continue to be a mainstay in the achievement of this objective. The Local Outreach Volunteer Educators (L.O.V.E.), Deep Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Coastal Empire, 100 Black Men, Junior Achievement, and the Learning for Life Explorer Post have worked with many students across the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. From career exploration, reading, and financial literacy initiatives to social and life-skills mentoring, these organizations offer a wide range of focus areas that help to improve academic achievement and enhance the positive educational environment at the school.

For example, the Deep Center offers a program that helps to educate and inspire student reading and writing skills. Many schools saw the benefit of this partnership and students gained additional opportunities through Deep's work with the SCCPSS 21st Century After School Learning Center. In this program, volunteers work individually with participants helping to drive home the fundamentals of creative writing and storytelling. Each year students are recognized during the "Deep Speaks" culminating event where writers come together to read their works which have been published in connection with Deep's *Young Author* project.

The 100 Black Men of Savannah helped students of Windsor Forest High School gain real world experiences in understanding financial planning and investments, Junior Achievement expanded its reach with new partnerships at the Garrison Visual and Performing Arts School, and Learning for Life remained deeply involved by providing career awareness through student field trips and internship opportunities. The group even named Nariel Tribble, a sophomore at Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School, the *Exploring Intern of the Year* for her contributions during the 2013-14 school year.

Other community groups were also engaged with our schools. Student volunteers from Armstrong Atlantic State University spent many hours at Spencer Elementary in the *Each One, Teach One* initiative designed to enhance student understanding of mathematics, Hesse K-8 enjoyed support from Skidaway Island Kiwanis Club members who read with students and helped review their sight words, and at Bloomingdale Elementary volunteers from the Alpha Methodist Church helped enhance reading fluency and math.

Schools were also creative in generating programs that provided community engagement opportunities. At Marshpoint Elementary the *Watch D.O.G.S* (Dads of Great Students) program was initiated as a way to get more Dads and male role models involved with the school, Savannah High developed a partnership with the Savannah Law School where professors worked with mock trial teams and students in the Law and Criminal Justice program, and Georgetown K-8 launched the *Barking for Books* program that brought certified therapy dogs into the school for individualized reading sessions that encouraged students to read out loud to a friend.

Mentors also provide a great opportunity for character development and positive influences on student behavior. Many schools engaged with law enforcement or military representatives to serve as role models who define strong leadership traits and offer career awareness opportunities. Southwest Middle utilizes its military partners to play a role in the school's Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies (PBIS) and at Garden City Elementary members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, 21st Century Intervention Specialists, and the Peer Mediation Center of Savannah help students understand positive behavior choices, conflict resolution, and personal safety.

These organizations serve as an example of the many individuals who are committed to our schools and our students. They provide real-life guidance in educational, personal, and life decisions concerning the betterment of our youth in Savannah-Chatham Public Schools. This positive influence has helped many students make the best possible choices concerning their educational goals and the year to year increase of the total number of mentors/tutors is a testament to this district's commitment to strengthening education through community engagement.

Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 11-12	Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Total Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14	Met Target of 10% increase annually
2,720	2,468	2,727	Yes

Table 1 - **Elementary Schools**

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14
Bloomingtondale	12	6
Brock	40	25
Butler	50	500
Coastal Empire Montessori	50	40
Gadsden	118	121
Garden City	35	5
Gould	28	126
Haven	15	34
Heard	63	52
Hodge	40	20
Howard	63	67
Largo-Tibet	62	59
Low	27	15
Marshpoint	91	126
Pooler	12	26
Port Wentworth	30	30
Pulaski	18	13
Shuman	100	15
J.G. Smith	14	25
Southwest Elementary	60	51
Spencer	80	85
Thunderbolt	143	45
Tybee Maritime	NA	100
West Chatham Elementary	7	20
White Bluff Elementary	6	30
Windsor Forest Elementary	46	35

Table 2 - **K-8 Schools**

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14
East Broad	100	75
Ellis	212	112
Garrison	65	79
Georgetown	34	37
Godley Station	62	120
Hesse	45	50
Isle of Hope	75	65
Savannah Classical	NA	25

Table 3 - **Middle Schools**

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14
Coastal	6	5
DeRenne	13	25
Hubert	75	10
Mercer	15	7
Myers	5	15
Oglethorpe Charter	10	2
Southwest Middle	56	30
STEM @ Bartlett	8	10
West Chatham Middle	12	11

Table 4 - **High Schools**

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14
Beach	51	15
Groves	8	5
Islands	12	14
Jenkins	150	75
Johnson	50	60
New Hampstead	30	15
Savannah Arts	8	25
Savannah High-LS	80	95
Windsor Forest	5	8
Woodville Tompkins	10	27

Table 5 - **Other Educational Centers**

School	Number of Mentors/Tutors 12-13	Number of Mentors/Tutors 13-14
Early College	50	25
Ombudsman Centers	10	14