

What are School Councils? How Can you Get Involved?

You may be interested to know that Mableton has over 12,000 students that attend 11 of the 112 schools in Cobb County, and they all have a <u>school council</u>. Did you ever wonder how you could help schools in our community, or why all Georgia schools have a school council?

The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 established school councils in Georgia to "bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation". To meet this law, the Cobb County School District (CCSD) has adopted <u>District Administrative Rule BBFA-R - Local School</u> <u>Councils</u> to:

- solve difficult education problems,
- Improve academic achievement,
- provide support for teachers and administrators, and
- bring parents into the school-based decision-making process."

School councils provide advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and local boards of education. The law details the composition of the council, its responsibilities, and procedures for conducting business.

Simply put, the School Council is the avenue we as Mableton residents can use to help our Principals meet the goal of providing the best education for students. Whether you are an engaged parent, local business owner, or interested community or faith based organization, our schools need your help and support. It's easy to begin making a difference by reaching out the school Principals to get the date and time of the next School Council meeting. Your personal attendance at school council meetings and involvement will pay huge dividend in making our community a great place to live, work and help our children realize CCSD's goal, student success!

Want more information about a specific school council? <u>Contact Nate Smith</u>, MIC's Education Committee Chair.