

# AKD Parent Brittney Hatcher Selected to Serve on State School Superintendent's Parent Advisory Board

Parent involvement is a huge feature that all Rome City Schools work towards accomplishing each and every day. One parent that stands out among the rest, however, is Mrs. Brittany Hatcher, mother of Jace (6th grade) and Brileigh Hatcher (Pre-K) who both attend Anna K. Davie.

Recently, the State School Superintendent's 2019 Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was announced, and who better to serve on the board than Hatcher.

"I am so very nervous, but so excited for this opportunity to serve as a member of the PAC and to represent Rome City Schools at the State level," explained Hatcher. "I hope to live up to everyone's expectations."

Rome City Schools Family Engagement Director, Ginger Rowston, described Hatcher as being involved in many different capacities throughout the community and school district. "I nominated Mrs. Hatcher because of the many roles she serves throughout our community. For example, Brittany has previously served as a parent and community stakeholder for RCS. This includes School Council, Parent Advisory Council, E SPLOST Committee and as a parent volunteer," said Rowston.

"She has also volunteered her time to help with Rome City School's partnership with Floyd Medical Center and the Ferst Readers Program that helps to promote early literacy from birth to five years old. She is just amazing, and we are so glad to have her working to help the school district and the community," said Rowston.

Hatcher and her husband stay very involved throughout their children's lives making sure that they are enforcing the very same things at home that teachers are training them in school. "My husband and I are involved day to day with our children and their teachers because it is a team effort! I have to do my part as a parent, my kids have to do their part as students and the teachers, faculty and staff have to do their part as well," said Hatcher.

The State School Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council is a group of parents from across the state that provides input on new policies, projects, and materials that impact students and their families.

When selected by the Georgia Department of Education to serve on the State School Superintendent's PAC, members are asked to provide input and advice to the State School Superintendent and other Georgia Department of Education program staff through in-person meetings, email and other electronic methods.

The PAC, including Hatcher, meets two times a year with the State Superintendent at the Georgia Department of Education in Atlanta, Georgia where they will serve as advisors and will provide input in family and community engagement resources.

"I love to help. It's what I do for my career, as I work for the Department of Public Health in Rome/Floyd County as a Development Specialist. I just hope that I can do well for my kids, my children's school (AKD) as well as the whole of Rome City Schools," said Hatcher.



Rowston added the importance of having parents from Rome serve back to back terms on the PAC, and how it impacts the schools and communities in amazing ways. "I would like to thank Chris Carey for serving the past two years and representing Rome City Schools on the PAC. We all truly appreciate his time and commitment to the students and families of Rome City Schools and look forward to Mrs. Hatcher serving and representing Rome City Schools for another two-year term," explained Rowston.

"We are so fortunate at RCS to have such wonderful and dedicated parents to ensure the success of all our students!" said Rowston.

What a big deal this is for Hatcher and Rome City Schools, and we all wish her good luck!

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