

GRIFFIN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

Serving South Metro County School Systems since 1966
BUTTS - FAYETTE - HENRY - LAMAR – NEWTON - PIKE - SPALDING - UPSON
Dr. Stephanie L. Gordy, Executive Director



440 Tilney Avenue Griffin, GA 30224 Phone: 770-229-3247 FAX: 770-228-7316 www.griffinresa.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 5, 2025

The Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) recently announced the recipients of the GSSA President's Award at its spring Bootstrap Conference in Savannah, Georgia. These awards are given to superintendents for outstanding leadership in their school systems and communities. This year, GSSA awarded Mr. Brent Lowe, the Superintendent of Butts County Schools, for the 2025 Georgia School Superintendent Association (GSSA) President's Award.

Mr. Lowe has proven himself over several years as an exemplary leader who understands the diverse responsibilities of a school district Superintendent and undertakes his work with wisdom as well as enthusiasm. Since being named Superintendent in Butts County three years ago, the system has seen growth in almost every area academically. He has worked with his curriculum department to transform the district into a true Professional Learning Community where collaboration is the norm and ownership is imperative. The Butts County School System has also seen the completion of Red Devil Hill and the building of a state-of-the-art performing arts center.

Mr. Lowe believes in forming relationships within the community and in Butts County he has worked with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to build school-to-work pipelines to keep Butts County talent in Butts County. This is a continuation of his community service he provided in previous counties.

His enthusiasm for helping both students and teachers succeed is positively contagious and helps him motivate and encourage all members of the school community, from the classroom, to parents, and business leaders. His work in Butts County Schools results in success after success for the students and schools within the district.

Given the significant positive influence that his leadership has had on student achievement in Butts County, one of the more remarkable aspects of his character is his humility and insistence that every achievement results not from his personal efforts but from the ability and hard work of others. This is indeed an important characteristic of leadership, building a powerful and productive team, and praising them for a job well done. As has been said many times, there is no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit. This describes the attitude of Mr. Brent Lowe very well.

Dr. John Zauner, the GSSA Executive Director, had this to say, "Superintendent Lowe has brought leadership stability to Butts County. His style of leadership of forthright and courageous conversations with the board and community has positioned the district and students for continued success. His recognition as a 2025 President's Award winner shines a light on the high quality leadership he brings to the Butts County community."

Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director of Griffin RESA stated, "I am fortunate to have the honor and privilege of working with this exemplary school superintendent. Our entire region benefits from his commitment to his school system and his exceptional leadership."