

The Learning Curve

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Your weekly guide to students, schools, teachers and triumphs in Bibb County's Public Schools

Renaissance Academy to offer more opportunities for students to succeed



The Renaissance Academy will be the site of Bibb County's Performance Learning Center.

CISGA began its first two PLCs in 2002, have opened 15 since then, and 10 more will be opening this year. After watching the progress of the existing programs and studying how it works and how it could fit into Bibb County, Superintendent Sharon Patterson took a group of principals, directors, administrators, and Pennybacker to tour the Classic City PLC in Athens, GA. After seeing first-hand the success the program was having, Renaissance was chosen as the best fit for this kind of program.

"We are all confident that this is the right choice for our district to present yet another choice for students," says Gibson.

As well as programmatic changes, Gibson says the BOE facilities and maintenance crews spent the summer cleaning up the grounds and building to reflect the improved facility. The BOE's Technology Department "has been vigilant that hardware and software are top-model and ready to go on opening day."

"We will prove that through joint collaboration, it matters not who did what, but that students are achieving and communities are better for the productivity of the youth," she says.

"This is a program that has worked for other communities and has received great support," adds Pennybacker. "Bibb County is fortunate to have brought it here to help further our students' educations."

way to helping them graduate and continue on to post-secondary schooling or starting a career."

Not only are students exposed to more one-on-one instructions (classroom ratio will be 15 students to one teacher), traditional seat-time requirements are waived, meaning they can take advantage of vocational internships, dual enrollment at local colleges, and service learning. A Service Learning Coordinator, Joseph RiverWind, has been hired to foster the community relationships which will lead to these opportunities.

"This initiative focuses on the value of students and student achievement," says Gibson. "This successful PLC will show what is wrought by agencies that work together."

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