



**Region 1  
Agenda  
September 14, 2015**

- 9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome.** . . . . . **Denia Reese, Superintendent of Schools**  
Catoosa County Schools
- 9:10 - 9:15 am Opening Remarks** . . . . . **Dr. Barbara Wall, State Director**  
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Georgia Department of Education
- 9:15 - 10:00 am National, State, Regional, and Local Workforce Needs**
- 9:15 am National Workforce Needs . . . . . **Dr. Barbara Wall, State Director**  
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Georgia Department of Education
- 9:20 am State Workforce Needs . . . . . **Jamie Jordan**  
Georgia Department of Workforce Development
- 9:35 am Regional Workforce Needs . . . . . **Lisa Adkisson**  
Georgia Department of Labor
- 9:50 am Local Workforce Needs . . . . . **Clay Cooper, Member and Community**  
Relations Manager, The HON Company  
**Dr. Katie Thomas, CEO, Polk County Schools**
- 10:00-11:00 am Showcasing Georgia’s Workforce Development Resources**
- 10:00 am Instructional Technology Resources . . . . . **Bob Swiggum, Chief Information Officer**  
Georgia Department of Education
- 10:20 am Global Workforce Initiatives . . . . . **Michaela Claus-Nix, Program Specialist**  
World Languages and Workforce Initiatives, Georgia Department of Education
- 10:40 am Pathways to Prosperity Tool Kit . . . . . **Dr. Barbara Wall**  
Georgia Department of Education
- 10:50 am Collaborative Externships Region 2. **Cathy Myers**, Northwest GA Regional Education Service Agency  
**Janet Queen**, Special Project Relocation Coordinator, Georgia Power, Plant Bowen
- 11:00-11:15 am Partnerships between Business and Education** . . . . . **Dr. Debbie Phillips, President**  
Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation (GAIEF)
- 11:15-12:45 pm Lunch with Panel Discussion**
- Panel Moderator: Jamie Jordan**, Program Manager, Georgia Department of Workforce Development
- Panel Members:**
- Mario Arzate**, Georgia Northwest Region Work-Based Learning Student of the Year
- Charlie Bringardner**, GAIEF, Senior National Account Manager, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance
- Brian Cooksey**, Shaw Industries, Director of Operations, Training, and Development
- Mike Dunham**, Chief Executive Officer, Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.
- Mitch Harrison**, GAIEF, Chief Operating Officer, First Communities
- Jill Schauer**, Lake Region Medical, Director of Operations,
- 12:45 – 2:00 pm Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Lab Tours – *Heritage High School***  
**Business/Industry Tours – *Shaw Industries; Propex Global***

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