

Perry High School Alma Mater

Far above the Ochlahachee
'bove its waters clear,
Stands forever Alma Mater
Perry loved and dear.
Lift your voices,
Send them upward
Loud your praises sing.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater
Wide your honors ring.

Stands forever, crowned in knowledge,
Lift thy purpose high,
And thy fame, O Alma Mater,
May it never die.
Lift your voices,
Send them upward,
Loud your praises sing;
Hail to thee - O Alma Mater,
Wide your honors ring.

Acknowledgements

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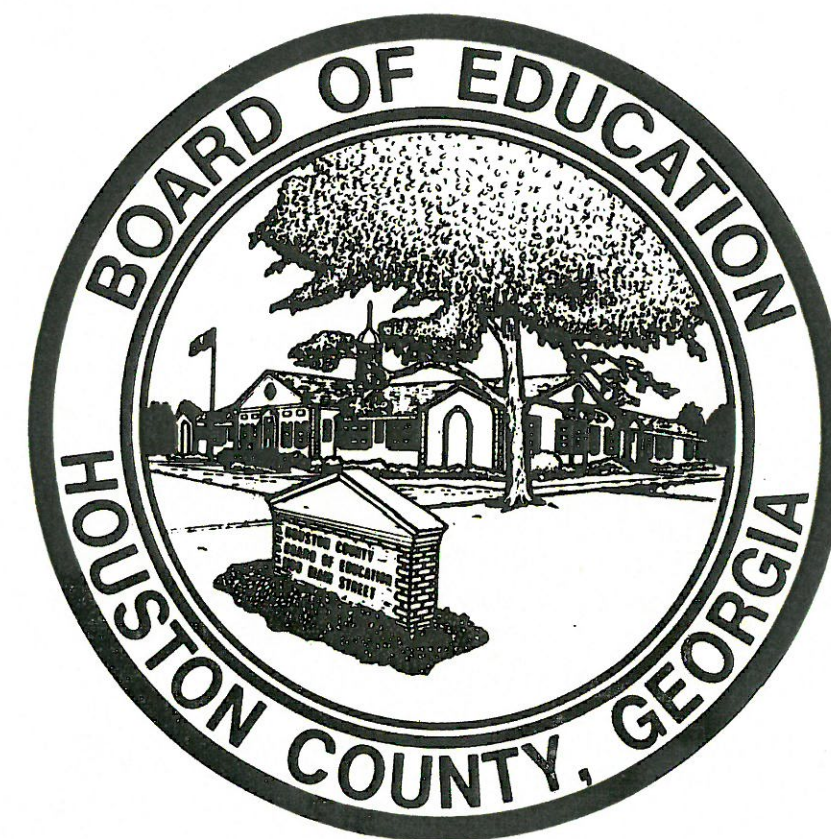
The video productions were designed and developed by the Georgia Tech Interactive Media Technology Center with funding provided by the Georgia Tech Foundation.

The historical preservation efforts have been funded through the generosity of patrons and the sale of engraved bricks for the sidewalk leading to the main entrance. These are ongoing projects. Plain bricks may be replaced with engraved ones and bricks may be purchased now for the next order. Further county history displays are planned as funds are available.

Funding for the renovation was made possible by the cooperation of the Houston County Board of Education with city, county and state officials. The sale of the former board offices to the City of Perry and the utilization of skilled workers from the Georgia Department of Corrections Inmate Labor program have greatly reduced the direct cost to the taxpayers of Houston County. We are grateful for their contributions.

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Houston County Board of Education Complex and Senator Sam Nunn Exhibit Dedication Ceremony



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A Tradition of Excellence

"The hopes and dreams of years passed have been realized. The new school building stands as a memorial to the noble efforts, personal sacrifices, educational ideals of the good people of Perry and surrounding communities. No other people have done more for the cause of education in the same length of time than has been done in this school district..... LET US MAKE OUR SCHOOL SECOND TO NONE."

With these words Superintendent James M. Gooden welcomed students to the first session of Perry Consolidated School in this historic building. His call for excellence has echoed through seven decades as educators in Houston County have continued that dream.

Dreams to consolidate the resources and students of many small local schools became feasible in 1924 with the passage of a legislative act creating a Perry Consolidated School District. Subsequent bonds raised \$85,000 and contracts were let to architect Wm. J. J. Chase and builders at Winder Lumber Company.

The Grand Opening, a week-long celebration, began with a May Day Festival and ended with commencement exercises for 27 members of the Class of 1925 who had attended high school in Houston Female College. Community pride in the new school and the determination to provide a better education for all children resulted in a September vote of 478 to 46 in favor of supporting public schools through taxation.

The building has since been in continuous use under various names. Officially changed to Perry High School when Perry Grammar School was built, it then became Perry Junior High after the new high school opened in 1956. In the 70's, as Perry Annex, overflow classes from the elementary school returned here and were joined by departments of Special Education and Vocational Education. Finally it became the Materials Center and Book Depository for Houston County.

Distressed when the old Perry landmark was slated for demolition, the Houston County Board of Education met with concerned citizens, city, county, and state officials to seek alternatives. This cooperative effort made preservation economically attainable. Architect Harold DeLoach redesigned the interior for office use while preserving as much as possible of the original exterior. Under the direction of Bill Loudermilk, the Houston County Board of Education Department of Facilities and the Georgia Department of Corrections furnished labor to completely renovate the facility which now houses the administrative offices of the Houston County Board of Education.

Brimming with good memories, these old brick walls have withstood the phenomenal growth of war years and produced leaders of integrity for another generation. Voices of the past remind us, "Our students are the living messages we send to a time we will not see."

We who have profited from their commitment to excellence must continue that tradition.

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Invocation	Aurelia Evans
Welcome	Tony Hinnant Superintendent Houston County Board of Education
National Anthem.....	Houston County Combined Honor Bands
Recognition of Special Guests.....	Perry Mayor Jim Worrall
Introduction of Senator Nunn	State Representative Larry Walker
Speaker	United States Senator Sam Nunn
Perry High School Alma Mater	Houston County Combined Honor Bands
Closing	Skip Talbert Chairman Houston County Board of Education

(If These Walls Could Speak... video will be shown every quarter hour in the Board Room beginning at 2:45 p.m.)

Senator Sam Nunn's Accomplishments

- Leadership of the Senate Armed Services Committee: Chairman, 1987-94; Ranking Minority Member, 1983-86, 1995-96; Chairman of the Manpower and Personnel Subcommittee, 1974-80.
- Leadership of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Chairman, 1979-80, 1987-94; Acting Chairman, March-December 1976; Ranking Minority Member, 1981-86, 1995-96; Vice-Chairman, February, 1977-January, 1979.
- At the request of President Clinton, traveled with former President Jimmy Carter and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, to Haiti during the 1994 crisis. Helped achieve an agreement which averted the need for a planned U. S. military invasion.
- Founding member of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), an organization established to promote mainstream Democratic values; Senator Nunn twice served as DLC Chairman (1988, 1989).
- Co-chaired with Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) "Strengthening of America Commission" which proposed a \$2 trillion plan to balance the federal budget over 10 years (1992). The key to the deficit reduction plan was a cap on the growth entitlement spending and a proposed legal ratio of \$1 in revenue increases to every \$2.75 in spending reductions.
- Co-sponsored with Senator Domenici the Unlimited Savings Allowance (USA) Tax proposal that, if enacted, would replace the current income tax code with a progressive individual tax that would allow a tax deduction for all net new personal savings and investments and a flat rate business tax that would allow for the expensing of all new capital investment.
- Consistently ranked among the 10 most effective Senators in surveys of journalists and legislative assistants. Rated one of the five most respected members of the Senate in a 1990 survey of senior congressional aides. In 1996, he was rated the Senator that congressional aides "will miss most" in the next Congress.
- Earlier this year, Sam Nunn became only the 17th Senator in the entire history of the United States Senate to cast more than 10,000 votes. As of July 24, 1996, Senator Nunn had cast 10,225 votes! In 24 years of service he has achieved a voting percentage of 96.47%.
- On July 12, 1996, the Department of Defense presented its highest civilian medal to Senator Nunn in a Full Honors Ceremony that included a 19 gun salute. The Distinguished Public Service Medal was presented by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.