



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gaston County Schools was formed in February 1968 as a result of a merger / consolidation of the county schools, the Gastonia city schools, and the Cherryville city schools; and

WHEREAS, the 1968-1969 year was the first academic year for the unified public school system in Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, now, 50 years later, Gaston County Schools is observing its golden anniversary with a year-long celebration that includes various special events and activities; and

WHEREAS, Gaston County Schools will present the “Big 50 Parade” on September 22, 2018 in downtown Gastonia to engage students, teachers, administrators, retirees, education leaders, elected officials, and others in a community-wide celebration; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Gaston County Schools has “shaped the future” by providing a quality public school education to thousands of children from Gastonia to Dallas, Cherryville to Bessemer City, Belmont to Mount Holly, and all communities in between; and

WHEREAS, today, Gaston County Schools continues to offer outstanding programs and opportunities for students in academics, athletics, the fine arts, Career and Technical Education, extracurricular activities, and other areas with the vision of “inspiring success and a lifetime of learning.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate Gaston County Schools on its 50th anniversary and are proud to support the school system’s “Big 50 Parade” and other activities to celebrate the achievements and success of the public schools in Gaston County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk