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Duluth Cluster Schools Kickoff Gala a Big Success

A diverse and lively crowd mixed and mingled throughout the night at the historic Payne-Corley on Saturday, August 28. State Representative Brooks Coleman, District 97, the voice for the Duluth High School Wildcats for over forty years and in a rallying locker room speech at the first annual Duluth Cluster Gala, did not disappoint. Representative Coleman, along with Mayor Nancy Harris of Duluth, and Mr. Bob Buchanan, President Elect of the foundation entertained the crowd with heart-felt speeches of the importance of schools and how the Duluth community and the cluster schools can work together in the pursuit of excellence in education.

By night's end, the group, representing the business community, alumni, parents and educators, had raised over \$35,000 in donations and commitments for the seven schools of the Duluth Cluster. Thanks to the participation of Scintel Technologies, Inc. and their generous donation in memory of Dr. Savitri Chandrasekhar, one of the University of Toronto's most renowned chemistry professors, the foundation will be able to give back to the schools in the Duluth Cluster immediately

Benefiting from the work of the Duluth Cluster Schools Foundation will be BB Harris Elementary, Chesney Elementary, Chattahoochee Elementary, Berkeley Lake Elementary, Duluth Middle, The Monarch School, and Duluth High School.



*Pictured L-R: Top Row: Marty Bush, Councilman Greg Whitlock, Mayor Nancy Harris, Representative Brooks Coleman, Mimi Buchanan, Bob Buchanan
Seated: Debbie Bush, Barbara Whitlock, Kathryn Parsons Willis*

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“Duluth is a unique community. We believe that good schools make good neighborhoods and good neighborhoods build strong communities. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that the schools in the Duluth Cluster are the finest in Gwinnett County. The Gala tonight was a stepping stone for our future success in academics, the arts and athletics,” Cora Herb, Vice President, Duluth Cluster Schools Foundation.

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