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MECHS has 16 campuses spread out among Bartow, Dawson, Elbert, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Rabun, Stephens, Union and White counties. Photo by Mark Novak

we're going, this is the driving force behind that, and I really can't pay tribute to her enough for what she's done, including looking over my shoulder and having my back and speaking truth to power.

"And sometimes that's so often overlooked. You need people that can call you aside and tell you when you're stepping out of line. You need someone who can give you some guidance and realize that what they're speaking is something you need to listen to.

"She has done it in a consistent manner, in a manner

that has wiped up the path that I need to walk on, and Maria, I thank you so much."

The 2018 Mountaineer Award went to the best site of the 2017-2018 school year, and administrators Debbie Gurley and Donna Reed accepted the award for the Stephens Site.

"Known as the Mountaineer, or sometimes it's called the rock, it's a 50-pound section of Jasper granite that's carved into shape of the MECHS logo," said Cash. "The receiving site also receives the 30-pound base with their site name and year earned."

Union County School System New Student Registration

New and transferring students in kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) may be registered for the upcoming school year at the Central Enrollment Office located at the Board of Education at 124 Hughes Street, Blairsville, GA 30512. Parents will need to contact the Central Enrollment Office at 706-835-4321 to schedule an enrollment appointment.

The summer Central Enrollment Office hours will be from 8 AM to 4 PM by appointment only. Please don't wait until school starts to register. The first day of school is Friday, August 3rd. Waiting until the end of July or beginning of August to call for a registration appointment may cause your child to delay their first day of school.

Documents you should bring when enrolling a student:

Age Verification: The school system requires evidence of the student's date of birth and accepts as evidence a birth certificate or an alternate document from the prioritized list in the state enrollment rule.

Social Security Number: The school system complies with the provisions of O.C.G.A.

§20-2-150, which requires a person enrolling a student to provide a copy of the student's social security number or to sign a form stating that the person does not wish to provide the social security number.

Immunization Certificate: The school system requires proof of immunization as required by O.C.G.A. §20-2-771, which includes an exemption for religious grounds and provisions for a temporary waiver.

A Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231 marked "Complete" for the appropriate grade level shall be considered proof of immunization. Out of State Immunization Records will need to be transferred to a Form 3231 by the Union County Health Department prior to registration.

The Union County Health Department is located at 175 Chase Drive, Blairsville, GA, 706-745-6292.

Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition Screening (Form 3300): This can be obtained from your child's doctor or from the Union County Health Department.

Notarized Affidavit of

Residency: Affidavit located in the Enrollment Packet available at www.ucschools.org. The form can be notarized during the registration, if the parent/guardian has not signed the form.

Withdrawal Form/Report Card from the student's most recent former school.

Documentation for Homeless Students: Homeless students, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act, shall be enrolled immediately with full participation in school activities, regardless of whether all of the above can be provided at the time of enrollment. The designated employee responsible for care of homeless students shall assist the person enrolling the homeless student or the unaccompanied youth in acquiring the necessary documents for enrollment in accordance with the requirements of the state enrollment rule and the McKinney-Vento Act.

Please feel free to contact the Enrollment Office by phone at 706-835-4321 or by email at registrar@ucschools.org if you have any questions regarding student registration.

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