

## Five Schools to Receive Facility Makeovers by Georgia United Foundation

**Duluth, GA (May 6, 2020)** – Georgia United Credit Union Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of their seventh annual School Crashers® program. School Crashers is the Foundation’s largest community service program that offers schools across the state the opportunity to apply for a school facility makeover. The program brings together communities by supporting local school systems with the end goal of improving the learning environment for the students, faculty and staff.

Georgia United Foundation opened the School Crashers program nominations in March to all accredited K-12 schools in Georgia. Interested schools were asked to include a photograph along with a 250-word essay explaining why their school should receive a makeover. Though schools were unexpectedly ordered to close mid-March due the coronavirus pandemic, over 200 nomination submissions for this year’s program were received. After a rigorous judging process, the following schools have been named to receive facility improvements over the summer:

<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Project Request</u>
Hillcrest Elementary	Dublin	525	Playground
New Hope Middle School	Dalton	615	Sensory Room
B.B. Harris Elementary	Duluth	817	Playground
Jolly Elementary	Clarkston	685	Playground
Walnut Grove Elementary	Suwanee	866	PreK Accessibility Playground



Georgia United Foundation named Walnut Grove Elementary in Suwanee and B.B. Harris in Duluth two of the five recipients of their 2020 School Crashers® program.

“Over the last six years, School Crashers has provided 43 makeovers with improvements valued over \$1,300,000. We look forward to our seventh year of serving our communities and strengthening our school systems by providing inspiring learning spaces for students to experience when they return to school this fall,” stated Debbie Smith, Georgia United CEO and president.

The schools will work with Georgia United this summer to complete their requested improvement projects. Georgia United team members, local communities, donors and business partners, look forward to volunteering to help improve the learning environments for the students at these schools. All volunteer efforts will follow current CDC guidelines. Visit [gucufoundation.org/schoolcrashers](https://gucufoundation.org/schoolcrashers) to learn more about the program and follow the credit union on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to see the schools transform over the summer.

### **About Georgia United Foundation**

Georgia United Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for children and families in the communities they serve through impactful programs funded by way of corporate contributions and delivered through volunteerism from the credit union and community partners. The Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization and is the philanthropic arm of Georgia United Credit Union. Visit [gucufoundation.org](https://gucufoundation.org) to learn more.

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