

# State legislature enforces superintendent selection

## Staff Editorial

The superintendent is the most well known face within any school system. His or her name is attached to the decisions that are made for the students, faculty and in some cases the community.

Out of all the school districts in the state of Mississippi, only 55 out of 155 have voted for their superintendents in the past. George County was one of those districts that voted for this prestigious position.

Now, times are changing, and to George County, a new way of selecting the superintendent is being put in place by the state legislature.

Instead of voting, this position will be appointed by the school board with new guidelines and standards for possible candidates to meet.

After an application process, the school board will have final say on who the future superintendent is.

Not only has there been updated standards, the community and staff were allowed to give their input about the possible superintendent. The community may not have a vote, but their voices are still being heard.

The future superintendent must hold a valid administrative license from the MDE. The candidates have to have prior experience in a classroom or in an administrative position for six years and as a principal for at least three. They can be a superintendent from another state, or he or she can be the current, active superintendent.

For a superintendent, students need a person open to change and that has a take-action attitude. They deserve a leader who stands firm in



what they believe in and is not easily swayed by outside sources. They will need someone involved and knowledgeable about not only the school system but also the community.

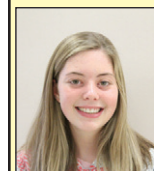
Social media is evidence that when

times are confusing or parents are concerned for their children, they look to the superintendent for information and guidance about their children's education, making this position even more important than

it already has been and is.

Thanks to this selection process, future superintendent candidates will be thoroughly examined, and this will be a new experience for the schools and the whole community.

## What do you think of the graduation location?



"I like it because I went to another graduation there and it was nice."  
-Lexi Rainey 9



"I think it's great because now more family members can come"  
-Christian Glass 11



"It's going to be hard for people who can't travel far, but it's a good idea."  
-Kylie Hearndon 10



"I believe it gives us space to do more and include more people."  
-Brandon Hood 12

# Video games create too much violence in youth

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Pong made in 1958 to Fortnite created just last year, people have continued to buy into the entirety of the video game industry.

Violence did not begin with a video game that is considered too graphic. People do destructive things for a multitude of reasons because human beings are complex and have motives for almost everything they do.

As much as a topic can gain attention, it can also draw controversy. Over the past few years, video games

that are deemed violent are being called into question about their effect on the public. Concerned people want to know if video games are the cause of today's violence and chaos, especially among youth.

Granted, video games can stir a person's imagination, but it does not mean they will go out and commit unspeakable horrors. People who want to be destructive do not need something so insignificant as a video game to act on their feelings.

Too much of any substance can result in terrible consequences, but demonizing an entire product will not fix the issues of violence today.

There will be another tragedy by human hands. There will be more lives lost. There will be something meaningless blamed yet again.

Society cannot hide the real issues of today. Restricting video games will not stop the gun from shooting, the violence from occurring or the next person from dying.

# Some sports remain unrecognized and ignored

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While touring the campus of GCHS, one might find banners of the baseball, basketball, volleyball, football, soccer, cross county and softball teams hung proudly on the walls of where they compete. However, these are not the only sports at the high school that compete.

There are also golf and tennis teams. The golf team took senior banners portraits this year, but have

no place to hang them. The golf team was provided a small piece of land behind the high school to practice; however, they are unable to use this property because the land keeps washing away due to the consistent rain.

The team has to drive thirty minutes to Hurley just to be able to get some decent practice. In addition, the tennis team has never been provided an adequate place to practice on the school campus. Instead, the team is forced to go to the public Lucedale park in which

there are only two courts available for use. The tennis team did not even bother to take senior banners this year because there was no place for them to be hung.

Before every home football game, there is a pep rally, but after that first semester, it's like the other sports at the high school are non-existent. Other sports need that excitement and support from their peers and community.

As of last year, there was only one pep rally given to acknowledge and celebrate the fall sports. After this

pep rally, those fall sports were just another addition to the morning or afternoon announcements.

Last year, the baseball team was given a walkout to the bus for their trip to state. Two groups from the tennis team also went to state, but they were not given a walk out; and neither did the golf team when they traveled to state.

GCHS has stuck to the outdated tradition that if you do not play football or baseball, your sport does not matter. It is time for this social monarchy to finally end.