

**Leader:** With enduring appreciation we call upon all members of the school system to stand along with our students. Please join me in this affirmation and prayer for the upcoming school year. As educators you take pride in your work, you impact countless students, and you do so with servant hearts. Today we say...

**Students:** Thank You.

**Leader:** As educators you mold and shape the generations to come. Today we say...

**Congregation:** Thank You.

**Leader:** As educators you create countless lesson plans and ensure a safe environment for our students, you encourage and challenge each of your pupils and seek to push them to their potential. Today we say...

**Students & Congregation:** Thank you.

**Leader:** Most heavenly and gracious Father, thank you for these men and women whom you have gifted with the gift of teaching, encouragement, curiosity and creativity. We pray you would bless their efforts and fill them with the energy and perseverance to carry on, the creativity to engage students, and the love you have for them so that it may be shared with the students they encounter.

**Representing the Teachers** \_\_\_\_\_: You have not called us to be perfect.

You have called us to be faithful.

You have not called us to be all-knowing.

You have called us to believe.

May we be a beacon of light in the schools of Davie County,

May we be diligent in our efforts and filled with Your guidance.

Grant us wisdom to lead our classrooms, patience and joy in our preparations, and hope in the success of our endeavors.

**Representing the Students** \_\_\_\_\_: You have not called us to be perfect.

You have called us to do what is fair and just.

You have not called us to be all-knowing.

You have called us to be diligent in our efforts.

May we bestow compassion upon others and reflect You in our lives.

May we honor our parents and educators.

Grant us peace to be focused in our work, thankfulness for our blessings, and guidance to follow Your call.

**Congregation:** God of grace and mercy,

Guide these educators as they influence future generations.

Strengthen their gifts and reenergize their passion.

Remind them of Your call in their lives and

Remind us to seek ways to show our gratefulness, love, and support.

May we share in their joys and times of difficulty.

**All:** We commit ourselves each to our part in this joyful task.

May we be daily guided by Your word and remain steadfastly together as a body of believers bearing Your reflection in this community.