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As the school year begins, we enter it with a new clarity and vision. This last school year, we engaged in a visioning process that included school staff, students, parents, community members and education consultants to help us clearly define our school values. This process began by defining what skills and attributes students need to successfully transition into adulthood, so that students leave us with the tools needed to achieve their goals as exceptional community members and citizens.

This collaborative process led to what we are calling “Life Ready Maxims,” which are short statements that act as our core drivers and values we hold for our staff and students. These maxims highlight areas of strength within Gaston, and come directly from our community. These maxims will help tighten our practices by having a cohesive shared identity.

The new Gaston Jr./Sr. High maxims are:

We are:

1. **Intentional** (We strive for excellence and think critically)
2. **Adaptable** (We have positive mindsets and are self-aware)
3. **Resilient** (We have grit and persevere)
4. **Connected** (We have self-respect and take care of each other)

We are also thankful for the community partners who are joining us to make this a great school year.

- Western Iron Works is partnering with us to start a welding program
- The Gaston Fire Department will be teaching a fire science class on-site
- The Gaston Booster Club has been instrumental in supporting our athletic and extracurricular programs

Sincerely,
Jesse Johnson
Gaston Jr./Sr. High Principal