



Georgia State School Superintendent tours the Aerospace Engineering Specialty Program's Flight Simulator Laboratory while visiting Conyers Middle School in Conyers, Georgia.

Shown with Superintendent Richard Woods are (from left to right) CMS Aerospace Engineering Teacher Stephen Williams, CMS Principal Allison Barber and Superintendent Richard Wood.

Superintendent Woods was born in Pensacola, FL., graduated from Fitzgerald High School, and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from Kennesaw State University and a Master's Degree from Valdosta State University. He has over 22 years of pre-k through 12th grade experience in public education and was a high school teacher for 14 years while serving as department chair and teacher mentor. During his tenure, he was also selected as Teacher of the Year. For eight years Woods served in various administrative roles such as assistant principal, principal, curriculum director, testing coordinator, pre-k director, and alternative school director. He also brings a business background to the superintendent's position, having been a purchasing agent for a national/multi-national laser company and a former small business owner.

Shown in the background are the Flight Simulators which use Microsoft Flight Simulator X STEAM Edition software, Thrustmaster T.Flight Stick X "Joysticks" and Logitech ClearChat H390 Headsets.

In addition to "hands on" introduction to flight using the Flight Simulator Lab, students undergo a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum of Ga DOE Standards Based Instruction which includes Aerospace Studies, Air and Space Environment, Spacecraft and Rockets, Aircraft Maintenance, Air Traffic Control, Aerospace Careers and Aerospace Business Management.

Mr. Williams, a Civil Air Patrol Lt. Colonel and Highly Qualified GA DOE K12 Technology Teacher, is both a former Senior Airline Captain, Flight and Simulator Instructor of 29 years as well as a former US Air Force and Ga Air National Guard Lt Colonel Fighter Pilot, Flight and Simulator Instructor of 20 years.