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**GET ON THE BUS! Promethean ActivBus to Visit
Newton County Schools on November 1**

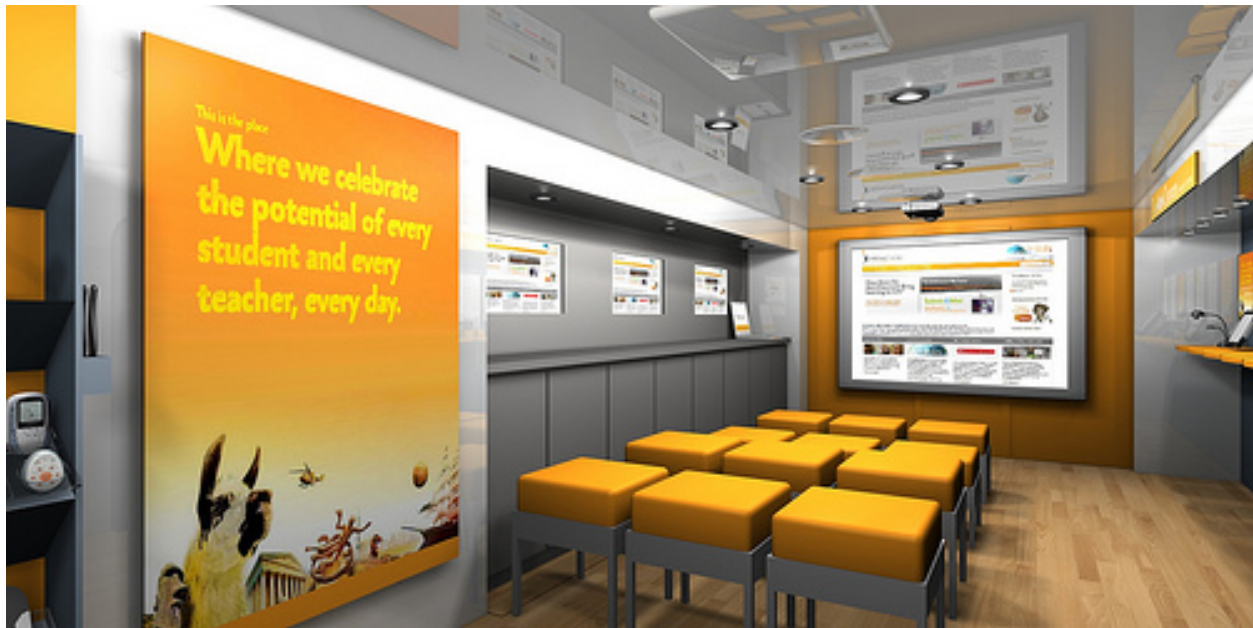


Next week, Newton County School System will host the Promethean ActivBus, a 21st Century Classroom on Wheels, equipped with the latest technology to engage students and as a result increase student achievement! The ActivBus will roll into town on Tuesday, November 1 and parents, students, residents, teachers, and more will have the opportunity to see up close the latest in interactive technologies that make a 21st Century Classroom so effective. The ActiveBus will be located in the parking lot next to the old Sharp gymnasium—across the street from the Covington YMCA on Newton Drive from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Promethean is the manufacturer of the interactive whiteboards called ActivBoards, which Newton County has installed in 70 percent of all classrooms. According to Dr. Gary Shattuck, Director of Technology for Newton County Schools, the school district embarked on an initiative several years ago to make every classroom a 21st Century Classroom.

“In the eighteen years that I have been in education, I have never seen an initiative, a product, or a program that engages the students as much as an ActivBoard does,” said Shattuck. “The students are thoroughly involved, completely engaged, in a learning activity when this activity takes place within a 21st Century Classroom.”

Those visiting the ActivBus will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities on the ActivBoards and see up close, the incredible benefits of interactivity in a 21st Century Classroom environment. NCSS teachers who currently utilize ActivBoards in their classrooms will also be on hand to discuss the benefits they have seen in both student engagement and student achievement since embarking on the new technology initiative.



“Teachers who have an ActivBoard in their classroom have reported huge differences in student achievement,” said Shattuck. “We hope people will come out and experience the joy of interaction and the magic of involvement that takes place within a 21st Century Classroom.”

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