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### **Huntington Middle School Principal and Staff Receive Statewide Awards**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Huntington Middle School was recently named by the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals (GAMSP) as a Dr. Bob Puckett Effective Middle School Program. During the same awards presentation, Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor, Principal of Huntington Middle, was named as the recipient of the John H. Lounsbury Award for Distinguished Achievement in Middle Level Education. The awards were presented by the GAMSP Executive Director, Dr. Bob Heaberlin. Also present for the surprise presentation were members of Houston County School District's Executive Cabinet, principals from each middle school in Houston County, and Dr. Taylor's family.

The Dr. Bob Puckett Effective Middle School Program is named after a long-time middle school principal and later assistant superintendent from Floyd County. The honor goes to individuals who personify the leadership qualities modeled by Dr. Puckett, and recognizes schools with effective middle grades education programs.

The John H. Lounsbury Award is the highest award given by the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). It was established to recognize individuals with extraordinary scholarship, service, leadership, and contributions to the theory and practice of middle level education.

"I am very humbled to receive each of these awards," said Dr. Taylor. "I am blessed to have the opportunity to watch students grow from young sixth graders into young men and women. I have the amazing privilege of teaching students to create their own vision for their life and showing them that they have the ability to achieve anything their heart desires."

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Huntington Middle School staff were also present during the award presentation, where both Dr. Heaberlin and Dr. Taylor thanked each of them for their dedication to student achievement.

Dr. Taylor said, "I have been blessed to work with a fantastic faculty, staff, and administrative team. They are the backbone of Huntington Middle School and we remain *One unit. One family. One nest.*"

For more information on Huntington Middle School, visit <https://hms.hcbe.net>.

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