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Houston County Board of Education Receives Exemplary School Board Status and Leading Edge Award from GSBA



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education has once again been recognized by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) as an *Exemplary School Board* for its proven pursuit of excellence. The award was announced during the GSBA Annual Conference on December 2. This is the seventh year the Houston County Board of Education has been bestowed with this honor.

The Houston County Board of Education met and/or exceeded [the criteria set forth by GSBA](#) to earn the honor of *2022 Exemplary School Board*. The GSBA School Board Recognition Program is designed to

showcase best practices in school governance and leadership, and the *Exemplary* designation is the highest level awarded.

“The Houston County Board of Education has received the highest designation available by GSBA since the Exemplary School Board program began,” noted Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools. “Our community can be proud of their local Board of Education’s longstanding record of exemplary governance that fosters a culture of student achievement and growth.”

During the conference, the Houston County Board of Education also received the 2022 Leading Edge Award for the Strategic Measures of Student Success (SMoSS) program. SMoSS is Houston County School District’s internal accountability system. SMoSS seeks to measure the effectiveness of our schools by identifying key indicators of student success and gauges how well our schools and District meet progress toward those indicators. The Leading Edge Awards are presented annually and recognize innovative design and implementation of programs by local governance teams that have a significant positive impact on student achievement and engagement. This is the second year in a row the Houston County School District received the GSBA Leading Edge Award.

The GSBA Board recognition program is a three-tiered program. For more information on the program, visit [the GSBA website](#). For information about the Houston County Board of Education, visit <https://www.hcbe.net/boe>.

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