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### Feagin Mill Middle School Named National Blue Ribbon School



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Feagin Mill Middle School has been named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Miguel Cardona, the U.S. Secretary of Education, made the announcement on September 23. The U.S. Department of Education chose 356 schools for this national award. Located in Warner Robins, Feagin Mill Middle is one of 10 schools chosen in Georgia. Mark Sams serves as principal.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, National Blue Ribbon Schools are led by leaders who articulate a clear vision of instructional excellence and uphold high standards. They showcase effective teaching methods and offer robust professional development for their staff. Data-driven instruction is a hallmark, and

there is a concerted effort to ensure every student succeeds. Collaboration among families, communities, and educators is a key component of their success. A National Blue Ribbon School award flag displayed in a school's entryway or on a flagpole is a widely recognized emblem of exceptional teaching and learning.

“I am truly honored that Feagin Mill has been designated a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School. This prestigious recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our exceptional teachers, who consistently go above and beyond to support our students,” said Mark Sams, Principal of Feagin Mill Middle School. “Together with our administrators and support staff, they have cultivated an outstanding environment that fosters learning and growth. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, their families, and everyone who has played a role in this remarkable achievement!”

Feagin Mill Middle School was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School. The Department recognizes all National Blue Ribbon Schools in one of two performance categories based on student

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scores and graduation rates. *Exemplary High Performing Schools* are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. *Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools* are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between different student groups and the overall student body.

Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools for the Houston County School District said, "The students, teachers and administrators at Feagin Mill Middle should be very proud of this recognition. They continuously strive to create an environment where learning is engaging and where students leave Feagin Mill feeling prepared for high school. We congratulate everyone at Feagin Mill on this special achievement."

Feagin Mill Middle School is the seventh school in Houston County to receive this designation. Other Houston County schools that have received the National Blue Ribbon School recognition in the past are Warner Robins High, Houston County High, Centerville Elementary, Shirley Hills Elementary, Kings Chapel Elementary, and Quail Run Elementary. At least one school from the Houston County School District has received this designation for the past three years in a row.

Feagin Mill Middle School will be recognized at a conference and awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November. [Click here](#) for a full list of 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools, including photographs and brief descriptions of the recipients.

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