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Houston County Board of Education Earns Prestigious 2025 GSBA Exemplary Board Recognition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education is proud to announce that it has been recognized with the Georgia School Boards Association's (GSBA) 2025 Exemplary Board Recognition, the highest level of achievement in GSBA's recognition program.

This honor underscores the Board's steadfast commitment to effective governance, continuous improvement, transparency, and collaboration, all of which contribute to fostering strong schools and maximizing opportunities for every student in the district.

"Our Board models what it means to lead together," said Dr. Richard Rogers, Superintendent of Schools for the Houston County School District. "Their commitment to collaboration, transparency, and continuous improvement helps make Houston County one of the best school districts in Georgia. This recognition is a well-deserved reflection of their dedication to students, staff, and our community."

To earn this distinction, the Houston County Board of Education met and exceeded rigorous criteria established by GSBA. The standards for Exemplary Boards are designed to ensure that local school boards provide outstanding leadership and accountability in service to their communities.

The GSBA Board Recognition Program was developed by Georgia superintendents and school board members, based on the State Board of Education's Standards for Effective Governance. Established in 1998, it was one of the first programs in the nation to set clear, measurable standards for local boards of education.

The program includes three levels of recognition: Quality Board, Distinguished Board, and Exemplary Board. Attaining the Exemplary level represents the highest mark of distinction for local school boards in Georgia.

For more information about GSBA's Governance Team Recognition Program, including award criteria, visit the [GSBA Awards and Recognition webpage](https://www.gsba.org/awards-and-recognition).

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