



Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mark Scott

Board Members

Helen Hughes, Chair

Lori Johnson

Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chair

Jon Nichols

Dave Crockett

Bryan Upshaw

Mark Ivory

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 7, 2024

Release #2024/25 – 026

Contact: Jennifer C. Jones, Director of Community & School Affairs, (478) 988-6390, Jennifer.C.Jones@hcbe.net

Nineteen Schools Receive Literacy and Math Leader Banners from Georgia Department of Education



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – State School Superintendent Richard Woods visited the Houston County School District on November 5 to recognize outstanding achievements in literacy and mathematics. Superintendent Woods presented 20 award banners to 19 schools, honoring them as *Literacy Leaders* and *Math Leaders* for their students’ strong performance and growth. This recognition highlights the schools’ commitment to academic excellence in the areas of literacy and math.

Schools recognized as Literacy Leaders demonstrated excellence in third grade reading skills, where students met or exceeded grade-level expectations. Achievement awards reflect the proportion of

MORE

Nineteen Schools Receive Literacy and Math Leader Banners / page 2 of 2

students reading at or above grade level. Growth awards recognize the improvement rate in reading abilities over time, with positive growth scores indicating substantial progress among students in that grade. [The full criteria for the 2023-2024 Literacy Leader banners can be found here.](#)

The following Houston County schools received a Literacy Leader banner.

- Bonaire Elementary School: 3rd Grade Achievement and 3rd Grade Growth
- Feagin Mill Middle School: 6th Grade Growth
- Matthew Arthur Elementary School: 3rd Grade Growth, 4th Grade Growth, 5th Grade Achievement, and 5th Grade Growth
- Miller Elementary School: 3rd Grade Growth and 5th Grade Growth
- Morningside Elementary School: 3rd Grade Growth and 5th Grade Growth
- Northside Elementary School: 3rd Grade Growth and 5th Grade Growth
- Quail Run Elementary School: 3rd Grade Growth

Schools who received a Math Leader banner excelled in math proficiency and improvement, specifically in high school and upper-elementary grades. Achievement awards recognize the proportion of students demonstrating proficiency or higher. Growth awards acknowledge the rate of progress in math skills, with a focus on notable gains from prior assessments. [The full criteria for the 2023-2024 Math Leader banners can be found here.](#)

The following Houston County schools received a Math Leader banner.

- Bonaire Middle School: 8th Grade Growth, 8th grade Algebra Achievement/Outstanding Achievement
- Eagle Springs Elementary: 5th Grade Growth
- Feagin Mill Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Achievement
- Houston County High School: High School Growth
- Huntington Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Growth
- Mossy Creek Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Achievement/Outstanding Achievement
- Northside Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Growth
- Perry High School: High School Growth
- Perry Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Achievement/Outstanding Achievement
- Russell Elementary School: 5th Grade Growth
- Thomson Middle School: 8th grade Algebra Achievement and 8th grade Algebra Growth
- Veterans High School: High School Growth
- Warner Robins High School: High School Growth

For more information about Literacy and Math Leaders, visit <https://www.gadoe.org>.

###