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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 was 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 3. This is the sixth year the Houston County Board of Education has been bestowed with this honor.

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 exceeded the criteria set forth by GSBA to earn the honor of *2021 Exemplary School Board*.

During the conference, the Houston County Board of Education also received the 2021 Leading Edge Award for the Houston At-Risk Profiles (HARP) program. HARP seeks to identify those students most at risk of failure and provides support through research-based interventions to improve academic achievement. 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.

“These awards are a true reflection of our Board’s commitment to high-quality public education in Houston County,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott. “Our community can be proud of the leadership shown by each of our deserving Board members.”

For more information about GSBA awards and recognition, visit <https://gsba.com/>. For more information about the Houston County Board of Education, visit <https://www.hcbe.net/boe>.

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