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GaDOE Celebrates Several DCSD Title 1 Schools for Significant Academic Achievement and Improvement

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA) – On October 2, the Georgia Department of Education (*GaDOE*) released the 2022-2023 lists of *Distinguished* and *Reward Schools*, spotlighting many from the DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*). The *Distinguished Schools* designation recognizes the highest-performing Title I schools in Georgia, while the *Reward Schools* designation recognizes Title I schools making the most significant improvements.

Superintendent Dr. Devon Horton praised the DCSD schools that are persevering and succeeding to earn these well-deserved recognitions.

“It is inspiring to see the commitment to academic excellence and student growth nurtured at these outstanding Title 1 schools,” Dr. Horton said. “The dedication and hard work of our students, educators, staff, and the entire school community reinforces our belief that every child can excel when provided with the right support and opportunities.”

State School Superintendent Richard Woods agreed. He said, “The schools on these lists have made significant efforts in overcoming barriers, meeting challenges, and producing great gains for their students. I applaud the 2022-23 Distinguished and Reward Schools leaders, teachers, parents, and communities for creating opportunities for student success.”

Distinguished Schools are among the highest-performing 5% of Title I Schoolwide and Title I Targeted Assistance schools based on the combined ELA and math content mastery scores from the statewide assessments of the most recent year. DCSD schools earning recognition are:

Chesnut Elementary School
DeKalb Early College Academy
Laurel Ridge Elementary School

Livsey Elementary School
Robert Shaw Theme School
Wadsworth Magnet School for High Achievers

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Reward Schools are among the greatest-improving 5% of Title I Schoolwide and Title I Targeted Assistance schools when comparing the content mastery scores from the most recent two years of statewide assessments. The DCSD schools recognized for this achievement are:

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| Allgood Elementary School | Hawthorne Elementary School |
| Avondale Elementary School | Idlewood Elementary School |
| DeKalb Agriculture Technology and Environment School | Kelley Lake Elementary School |
| DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts | Laurel Ridge Elementary School |
| DeKalb PATH Academy Charter School | Livsey Elementary School |
| Dunaire Elementary School | Robert Shaw Theme School |
| Edward L. Bouie, Sr. Elementary School | Woodward Elementary School |
| Hambrick Elementary School | Wynbrooke Elementary School |

Click [HERE](#) for detailed criteria for these recognitions. Click these links for the GaDOE's complete listing of [Distinguished Schools](#) and [Reward Schools](#) for the 2022-2023 school year.

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