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DeKalb County Salutes 40 Schools Honored as Georgia's Math and Literacy Leaders

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)— The DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) proudly announces that 40 of its schools have been recognized by the Georgia Department of Education as Math Leaders and Literacy Leaders for the 2023-2024 academic year. This prestigious honor highlights the District's commitment to academic excellence and dedication to student success in mathematics and literacy.

"We are incredibly proud of our 40 schools recognized as Math and Literacy Leaders," DCSD Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton said. "These achievements reflect the hard work of our students, the dedication of our educators and administrators, and the extraordinary support of our families and community partners.

"As we celebrate these important milestones, we look forward to even greater increases in student achievement at all grade levels. Together, we are constantly working to enhance our processes that empower every DeKalb County student to excel academically and succeed in their future endeavors."

The *Math Leader Awards* honor schools for exceptional achievement or growth in mathematics. In DeKalb County, 24 schools were recognized for increasing the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient Learner level or higher in 2023-2024 on the Georgia Milestone Assessments. The criteria focus on the importance of numeracy skills in fifth and eighth grades, requiring higher growth from schools with lower achievement levels. High school awards are based on the Algebra: Concepts and Connections End-of-Course exams.

System Name	School Name	Math Leader Awards
DEKALB COUNTY	WYNBROOKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	AUSTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Achievement; 3rd Grade Growth; 4th Grade Achievement; 5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	DUNWOODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	MUSEUM SCHOOL AVONDALE ESTATES	4th Grade Growth; 5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	KITTREDGE MAGNET SCHOOL	4th Grade Outstanding Achievement;5th Grade Gateway Outstanding Achievement;6th Grade Outstanding Achievement

DEKALB COUNTY	WADSWORTH MAGNET SCHOOL	4th Grade Achievement; 4th Grade Growth; 6th Grade Achievement; 7th Grade Achievement; 7th Grade Growth; 8th Grade Gateway Outstanding Achievement; HS Outstanding Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	GLOBE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	7th Grade Growth; 8th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	TAPESTRY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	8th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	ROBERT SHAW THEME SCHOOL	3rd Grade Growth; 4th Grade Growth; 5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	CHAMBLEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	HS Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	TUCKER MIDDLE SCHOOL	HS Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	DEKALB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS	4th Grade Growth; 8th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	MCNAIR MIDDLE SCHOOL	8th Grade Gateway Growth; HS Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	LIVSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	WOODWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	JOHN ROBERT LEWIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	CHESNUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Growth; 5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	BRIAR VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Growth; 5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	RAINBOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	5th Grade Gateway Growth

The *Literacy Leader Awards* honor schools that demonstrate exceptional achievement or growth in reading proficiency or mastery in 2023-24. In DeKalb County, 16 schools met the qualifications to be recognized as *Literacy Leaders*. The criteria focus is on students reading at or above grade level on the Georgia Milestones Assessments in elementary and middle schools. High school awards are based on results from the American Literature End-of-Course assessments.

System Name	School Name	Literacy Leader Awards
DEKALB COUNTY	AUSTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Achievement; 5th Grade Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	BARACK H OBAMA ELEMENTARY MAGNET	3rd Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	BRIARLAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 5th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	BROWNS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth

DEKALB COUNTY	CARY REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 4th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	DEKALB EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY	HS Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	DEKALB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE ART	3rd Grade Gateway Achievement; 3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 4th Grade Growth; 6th Grade Gateway Growth; 7th Grade Achievement; 8th Grade Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	DEKALB SCHOOL OF THE ARTS	HS Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 5th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	KITTREDGE MAGNET SCHOOL	4th Grade Outstanding Achievement; 5th Grade Outstanding Achievement;6th Grade Gateway Outstanding Achievement
DEKALB COUNTY	LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 5th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	LEADERSHIP PREPARATORY ACADEMY	6th Grade Gateway Achievement; 6th Grade Gateway Growth; 7th Grade Growth; 8th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	ROBERT SHAW THEME SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Achievement; 3rd Grade Gateway Growth; 4th Grade Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	SHADOW ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3rd Grade Gateway Growth
DEKALB COUNTY	WADSWORTH MAGNET SCHOOL	4th Grade Outstanding Achievement; 5th Grade Outstanding Achievement;6th Grade Gateway Outstanding Achievement; 7th Grade Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Outstanding Achievement

Statewide, 624 schools were recognized as Math Leaders, and 324 schools were honored as Literacy Leaders.

State School Superintendent Richard Woods congratulated Georgia's first-ever Math Leader and Literacy Leader schools for their outstanding work and success. He also commended them for "implementing the new K-12 Mathematics Standards" and "moving the needle on literacy."

<u>Math Leaders:</u> Click on the following links for a comprehensive statewide list of the <u>2023-2024 Math Leader Schools</u> and <u>2023-2024 Math Leader Criteria</u>.

<u>Literacy Leaders:</u> Click on the following links for the comprehensive statewide list of the <u>2023-2024</u> <u>Literacy Leader Schools</u> and <u>2023-2024 Literacy Leader Criteria.</u>