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PRESS RELEASE

WHITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED AMONG TOP-PERFORMING TITLE I SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

BARTOW COUNTY, Ga. (December 5, 2018) – White Elementary School has been named the *only* Highest-Performing Title I school in Cartersville-Bartow County by the Georgia Department of Education. With an 88.9 percent College and Career Ready Performance Index or CCRPI score, WES is in the top five percent of all Title I schools in Georgia.

“These public schools are among the very best in the state and are doing extraordinary work on behalf of their students and communities,” says State School Superintendent Richard Woods.

This is the first time WES has received the honor of being selected as one of the Highest-Performing schools in the state. For the last three years, WES was recognized as a High-Progress Reward School.

“I attribute our school’s success to consistent data-driven instruction,” says WES Principal Amy Heater. “White Elementary’s Georgia Milestone data has been trending upward for the past four years in the following areas: content mastery, readiness, progress, and closing achievement gaps. This is our school’s fourth consecutive year of recognition. I would like to thank my staff, students, and parents for their hard work and dedication each day.”

All Distinguished Schools will now be eligible to apply for the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program Award. Each state will select two winners and they will receive national recognition and funds to support participation in a national conference.

Next school year, the Georgia Department of Education will also calculate a list of Reward Schools. Those schools will have the highest rate of improvement based on the current year’s CCRPI score compared to the previous year.

The 2018 CCRPI was redesigned this year under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Therefore, scores cannot be compared to any prior year.

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