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State Releases Title I Distinguished and Rewards Schools *ESA earns Second Consecutive Title I Distinguished School Honor*

JONESBORO - Four Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) campuses have been recognized through the Title I honors program by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) as a Title I Distinguished and Title I Rewards Schools. The information was released by GaDOE today, Monday, November 25.

CCPS is proud to announce that Elite Scholars Academy and M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts have earned placement on the 2019 list of **Title I Distinguished Schools**, a list that highlights the highest performing Title I schools in Georgia! Also, the district is proud to announce that Mt. Zion Primary School and Suder Elementary School have earned placement on the list of **Title I Rewards Schools**.

Campuses that qualify for the Distinguished Schools list are among the top five percent of all Title I schools in Georgia when ranked according to their most recent CCRPI score. There are 85 schools on this list. All schools on the 2019 list of Title I Distinguished Schools will be eligible to apply for the National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools Program award, sponsored by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators, es ein 2020. Each state selects two schools for this award; those two schools are recognized nationally and receive award funds from Title I to support participation in the national conference.

Schools that qualify for Rewards Schools recognition are among the greatest improving schools that represent five percent of all Title I schools and five percent of all Title I Targeted Assistance schools and do not have greater than 50 percent red achievement flags for Economically Disadvantaged, English Learners, or Students With Disabilities subgroups across all grades. There are 82 schools on this list.

"These public schools are among the very best in the state and are doing extraordinary work on behalf of their students and communities," said State School Superintendent Richard Woods. "I extend my congratulations to every teacher, administrator, staff member, student, parent, and community partner who contributed to their success."

"I join with all members of the Clayton County Public Schools family and our community stakeholders in congratulating these four schools on this accomplishment," Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO said. "This is another example of how our efforts to deepen and advance a culture of high performance in our schools and countywide are paying off."

“I am confident more schools from our district will be joining Elite Scholars, Stilwell, Mt. Zion Primary and Suder on these lists in the future,” he added. “Our Advanced Learning for All (ALA) initiative, we are ramping up academic rigor across all grade levels. And, through continued implementation of ALA, Cambridge Assessment and the International Baccalaureate program, we will increase the number of students taking Accelerated and Advanced Placement courses and participating in Dual Enrollment programs.”

“We are confident that these steps will result in long-term improvements as we transform our school district through a culture of high-performance,” Dr. Beasley concluded.

To see the complete list of Title I Distinguished Schools, click [here](#).

To see the complete list of Title I Rewards Schools, click [here](#).

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.