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### **BERND ELEMENTARY NAMED 'LEADER IN ME' LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL**

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(MACON, GA) – The Bibb County School District announced today that Bernd Elementary School has been named as a “Leader in Me” Lighthouse School by Franklin Covey Co. This recognition comes because the school has achieved outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing “Leader in Me” process with fidelity. It is also because of the extraordinary impact the school is having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community.

“We are thrilled to recognize Bernd Elementary as a ‘Leader in Me’ Lighthouse School. Schools who achieve the Lighthouse Milestone are great examples of a strong leadership model, process, and of what it means to be a ‘Leader in Me’ school,” said Sean Covey, President, FranklinCovey Education. “This school has experienced transformational results by implementing the principles and practices related to ‘Leader in Me.’ We are so pleased to celebrate the success they are experiencing.”

The “Leader in Me” initiative utilizes and integrates several leadership, social-emotional learning, quality, and educational models and processes from past and current thought leaders including “The 4 Imperatives of Great Leaders” and “The 4 Disciplines of Execution.” The process includes student participation in goal setting, data tracking, leadership roles, Student-Led Conferences, leadership environments, and Leadership Events. “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” is also a key component of the overall “Leader in Me” process.

“The process of prepping for the review was amazing. It became a unifying force, a common goal, one that brought clarity, and it truly built synergy,” said Dr. Chad Thompson, Bernd Elementary principal. “Bernd students, faculty, staff, and parents were and are all in, seeing the connections and the benefits of the application of the ‘Leader in Me’ framework. We are on this journey together, a journey that takes everyone, every day, and we are excited, to say the least. The work definitely doesn't stop here.”

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*Vision: Each student demonstrates strength of character and is college or career ready.  
Mission: The Bibb County School District will develop a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.*

The Lighthouse Milestone is a highly regarded standard set by FranklinCovey that is attainable by every “Leader in Me” school. The attainment of the Lighthouse Milestone represents a significant benchmark, and it is evidence that a high standard has been met by a school. Applying for the Lighthouse Milestone typically occurs three to five years after a school begins “Leader in Me.”

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