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DISTRICT'S SCHOOL CLIMATE RATINGS UP FOR 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

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(MACON, GA) - Today, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released School Climate Star Ratings for the 2015-2016 school year. School Climate Star Ratings are meant to provide insight into the quality and character of school life, and allow schools to identify areas in need of improvement. The ratings serve as an early indicator for the state's academic accountability system, the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

Ratings are meant to provide insight into four areas of school life: School Climate (based on surveys), School Discipline, Safe and Substance-Free Learning Environment, and School-wide Attendance. The data for these four areas include results from the Georgia Student Health Survey II, the Georgia School Personnel Survey, and the Georgia Parent Survey; student discipline data; attendance records for teachers, staff, administrators and students; and more. Based on the results of the four areas, a school receives a rating of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 stars serving as the highest rating and 1 star serving as the lowest. The star rating ranges, or "cut scores," vary each year.

Ten schools in the Bibb County School District received a high rating of 4 stars: Alexander II Magnet School, Heritage Elementary, Ingram-Pye Elementary, Lane Elementary, Porter Elementary, Springdale Elementary, Vineville Academy of the Arts, Williams Elementary, Howard Middle, and Central High School. Of those schools, Alexander II Magnet School had the highest calculated score of 96.2 points to achieve a 4-star rating, with Porter Elementary and Vineville Academy of the Arts following closely with a score of 95.3 points. Overall, 26 schools in the District saw an increase in their climate score over the previous year. Several schools saw an increase of at least 2 stars in their climate ratings: Ingram-Pye Elementary, Riley Elementary, Ballard-Hudson Middle and Central High School.

Please see final page for 2015-2016 School Climate Star Ratings and Scores by school.

"The overall improvement in climate scores is an indication that we are getting better," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr. "Teachers, parents and students are expressing more satisfaction with our schools. I believe as we continue to implement districtwide initiatives focused on reading, attendance, enrollment and discipline, we will demonstrate Victory in Progress."

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The GaDOE also released the Financial Efficiency Star Ratings for local school districts in Georgia. The Bibb County School District received a Financial Efficiency Star Rating of 2.5 stars, up from 2 stars the previous year. The rating provides a measure of a district's per-pupil spending in relation to the academic achievements of its students. Each district receives a rating ranging from one-half star to 5 stars; a 5-star district can be described as having strong academic outcomes and lower levels of expenditures in comparison with other districts. Specifically, the rating is based on a three-year average of per-pupil spending, which is then associated with the district's CCRPI score.

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School Climate Star Ratings and Scores

Elementary	2015 Stars	2015 Score	2016 Stars	2016 Scores
Alexander II	4	92	4	96.2
Barden	3	85.8	1	81.1
Bernd	2	81.2	2	84.4
Brookdale	3	86	3	89.2
Bruce	3	87.2	3	89.6
Burdell-Hunt	3	86.5	3	88.2
Carter	3	87.4	3	87.6
Hartley	1	77.7	1	77.7
Heard	4	94.3	3	91.5
Heritage	4	91.7	4	92.1
Ingram-Pye	2	84.7	4	93.6
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	N/A	N/A	1	82.1
Lane	3	88.3	4	93.6
Morgan	3	87	2	83
Porter	3	85.6	4	95.3
Riley	1	80.5	3	87.2
Skyview	4	91.2	3	88.7
Southfield	N/A	N/A	2	84.8
Springdale	4	91.8	4	92.6
Taylor	3	88.6	2	86.7
Union	2	84.8	3	91.2
Vineville Academy	4	94.6	4	95.3
Williams	3	89.1	4	91.9
Middle				
Appling	2	72	1	71.1
Ballard-Hudson	1	64.3	3	77.9
Howard Middle	4	81	4	84.3
Miller	3	77.3	3	82.6
Rutland Middle	3	78.6	3	79.7
Weaver	3	74.5	3	82.9
High				
Central	2	73.1	4	83.8
Howard High	3	77	3	82.2
Northeast	1	67.2	1	69.8
Rutland High	3	75.2	3	81.9
Southwest	2	73.7	2	76.5
Westside	2	74.3	3	81.4
Charter				
Academy for Classical Education	4	91.5	3	91.5
Macon Charter Academy	N/A	N/A	1	78.3

*N/A means school was not open for 2014-2015 school year.

*Green indicates growth from previous year.

For the GaDOE's data calculation guide, [click here](#).

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