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THREE BIBB SCHOOLS DESIGNATED AS REWARD SCHOOLS BY GADOE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS

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MACON, GA – The Bibb County School District is proud to announce three schools have been designated as Reward Schools by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), with one of them being categorized as a Highest Performing School.

Alexander II Magnet School has been designated as a Reward School – Highest Performing School. A Highest Performing School is a Title I school among the 5 percent of Title I schools in the state that has the highest absolute performance over three years for the “all students” group on the statewide assessments. Alexander II has been identified as a Highest Performing School since 2012 when the Reward School designations were first announced by the GaDOE.

Two schools have been identified as a Reward School - Highest Progress: Heritage Elementary and Howard Middle. A Highest Progress School is a Title I school among the 10 percent of Title I schools in the state that is making the most progress in improving the performance of the “all students” group over three years on the statewide assessments.

This is the first time both Heritage Elementary and Howard Middle have received this designation.

“Our brand at Howard Middle is ‘where every day and every student matters.’ This belief drives our desire to grow our students to become the best they can be,” said Howard Middle Principal Mr. Lindsey Allen. “Over the past few years our faculty and staff have committed to focusing on literacy-based instructional strategies, weekly teacher collaboration meetings, implementing PBIS, making data-driven instructional decisions, and creating a culture of excellence. Being recognized as a Title I Reward School for High Progress is the result of these initiatives coming together for the good of our students and community. The award belongs to Howard Middle and our parents and community who support the work of the classroom teacher. I am honored to be the principal of Howard Middle and to serve alongside such committed staff and parents to ensure each student has a great school experience.”

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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.*

Heritage Elementary School Principal Jennifer Askew echoed these sentiments, noting the stakeholders at Heritage have been key partners in helping the school to achieve this designation.

“While facing more rigorous learning goals, the staff, students and parents have worked hard to ensure that students continued to academically grow and achieve at high levels. We have embraced the need to provide a well-balanced curriculum that makes decisions based on data. While doing this, we continue to recognize that children need continual challenges in order to maximize their experience. Heritage offers a strong fine arts program, a variety of technology rich learning experiences, Jr. Beta, Student Council, Chorus, REACH, multiple academic teams and other leadership opportunities. We are proud to be a Title I Reward School,” Mrs. Askew said.

Reward School designations are annual. Only Title I schools may be identified as Reward Schools.

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