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Nine DeKalb County Schools Removed from Georgia Improvement Lists

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)- In 2019, the DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) had twenty-five (25) schools identified by the Georgia Department of Education (*GaDOE*) as needing Comprehensive Support and Improvement (*CSI*) or Targeted Support and Improvement (*TSI*). Nine (9) of the twenty-five (25) schools identified in 2019 have been removed and are no longer state-identified, as released today by GaDOE.

The following four (4) schools have been removed from the Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) lists:

- Miller Grove Middle School
- Murphey Candler Elementary School
- Redan Elementary School
- Toney Elementary school

Likewise, the following five (5) schools have been removed from the Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) list:

- Allgood Elementary School
- Marbut Elementary School
- Museum School Avondale Estates
- Rowland Elementary School
- Tucker High School

"I would like to congratulate the nine schools that have met CSI and TSI exit criteria," said Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent. "Thank you for your hard work and commitment to improving the education for our students and your school communities."

Typically, schools are identified for CSI or Promise if they are among the lowest performing 5% <u>or</u> 5.01% to 10% of Title I schools in the state when ranked according to their three-year CCRPI average.

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However, Georgia updated its CSI entrance criteria for 2022 based on data limitations resulting from the pandemic.

The 2022-2023 CSI and Promise lists utilize the available 2022 CCRPI component and indicator scores: Content Mastery, Progress Toward English Language Proficiency, Readiness, and Graduation Rate (high school only). TSI entrance criteria are based on CCRPI components.

In addition, CSI Graduation Rate schools have a four-year graduation rate of less than or equal to 67%. More detailed information about this year's entrance criteria is available here: https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/communications/Pages/PressReleaseViewAll.aspx?PressView=default

"We are committed to "Keeping Students First" in the DeKalb County School District. This state listing identifies schools that will require and receive a more prescriptive approach towards daily support and does not indicate that these schools are not making progress," said Dr. Tinsley. "This laser-focused effort will help with positive engagement and academic growth in students as we remove schools from the state-identified listing."

The following schools were not exited and will remain on the state lists:

School Name	CSI Lowest 5%	CSI Graduation Rate	Promise	TSI
Cross Keys High School		X		
DeKalb Alternative School	X	X		
Elizabeth Andrews High School	X	X		
Fairington Elementary School	X			
Flat Rock Elementary School			X	
Flat Shoals Elementary School	X			
Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School			X	
McNair Middle School			X	
Peachcrest Elementary School			X	
Ronald McNair Discovery Learning	X			
Snapfinger Elementary School			X	
Stone Mountain Elementary School	X			
Stoneview Elementary School			X	

The following schools are newly identified:

- Browns Mill Elementary School- Promise
- Dresden Elementary School- Promise
- McNair High School- CSI Graduation Rate

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- Montclair Elementary School- Promise
- Oak View Elementary School- Promise
- Panola Way Elementary School- CSI Lowest 5%
- Pine Ridge Elementary School- TSI: Students with Disability
- Salem Middle School- TSI: Students with Disability
- Shadow Rock Elementary School- TSI: Black subgroup and Students with Disability
- Stone Mill Elementary School- Promise
- Towers High School- Promise
- Woodridge Elementary School- TSI: Students with Disability

DCSD collaboratively supports continuous improvement efforts of its state-identified schools, "Horizon Schools," through Regional Superintendent Offices, the Office of School Improvement, and all Divisions within the District. The collaboration includes site-based support that focuses on the following areas: data analysis and interpretation, improving Tier 1 instruction, increasing graduation rates, and providing site-specific and district-initiated professional learning.

GaDOE and the Metro Regional Educational Service Agency work alongside DCSD to provide supplemental site-based support to schools identified as CSI Lowest 5% and CSI Graduation Rate. Additionally, GaDOE provides school improvement funding for all state-identified schools regardless of designation type.

Additional information regarding state-identified school designations, funding, and support can be found on the GaDOE website at https://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Pages/default.aspx.

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