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From: Gainesville City School System
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On May 3, 2016, the Georgia Department of Education released the CCRPI results for districts and schools. The CCRPI is Georgia's statewide accountability system, implemented in 2012 to replace No Child Left Behind's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measurement, after the U.S. Department of Education granted Georgia's waiver from NCLB. It measures schools and school districts on a 100-point scale based on multiple indicators of performance, helping parents and the public better understand how schools are performing in a more comprehensive manner than the pass/fail system previously in place under AYP.

Because of changes to the way CCRPI is calculated – including but not limited to a new assessment system, changes in weights, and recalculated performance targets – a direct comparison between 2014 and 2015 CCRPI scores is not possible.

The 2015 CCRPI results include, for the first time, calculations with the new rigorous Milestones assessments, designed to measure college and career readiness. Despite the increased level of rigor, the school system is pleased to announce that CCRPI scores have held almost steady between 2014 and 2015 at the elementary level and increased at the middle and high school levels. Highlights of the 2015 CCRPI results include:

- An increase in the overall score for Centennial Arts Academy from 69.4 points in 2014 to 71.7 points in 2015.
- An increase in the overall score for Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy from 67.4 points in 2014 to 79 points in 2015.
- An increase in the overall score for Gainesville Middle School from 71.8 points in 2014 to 72.6 points in 2015.
- An increase in the overall score for Gainesville High School from 69.9 points in 2014 to 77 points in 2015.
- Receipt of all possible progress points for Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy. Progress points are awarded based on student growth.
- Receipt of 39.1 of the 40 possible progress points for Gainesville Exploration Academy and 37.2 of the 40 possible progress points for New Holland Knowledge Academy.

- School scores that are above the state average at several district schools.

While the district celebrates these successes, we continue to operate under a model of continuous improvement. As has been the case in the past, we will continue to analyze the CCRPI data to determine areas of strength as well as opportunities for improvement. Areas of focus based on 2015 CCRPI data include Woods Mill High School and Fair Street School.

As part of the commitment to Woods Mill High School due to its status as a priority school, the district continues to provide additional support to the staff and students through an emphasis on content mastery. The school has been working under a new model for the 2015-2016 school year, thereby enhancing the work that was already taking place for our students.

Fair Street has been working hard all year long to address challenges by analyzing the achievement data that comprises the CCRPI since receipt in the fall of this year. Since receiving the data, substantial progress has been made in teacher professional development and alignment of the curriculum. We anticipate that these areas of focus will significantly impact scores for 2016. As we continue to address opportunities to enhance student growth, we believe that both progress and achievement points at Fair Street will be impacted.

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