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RE: Gainesville City School System Honors School Board

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The Gainesville City School System joins a statewide celebration to salute the tremendous efforts of local school board members. Governor Nathan Deal has proclaimed the week of March 14 - 18 as School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. The weeklong observance highlights the many contributions of local boards of education.

The board members serving the Gainesville City school district are Ward 1 - Brett Mercer (2 years of service), Ward 2 - John Filson (2 months of service), Ward 3 - Willie Mitchell (25 years of service), Ward 4 - Dr. Delores Diaz (6 years of service), and Ward 5 - Sammy Smith (8 years of service). The Gainesville City Board of Education was recently honored in December as an Exemplary School Board by the Georgia School Boards Association.

As constitutional officers of Georgia, school board members are responsible for setting educational policies, employing school personnel, providing buildings and equipment, operating a transportation system and disbursing school funds. As community leaders, they serve as advocates for children in local public schools and must study, evaluate, and decide what actions are in the best interest of students.

Gainesville City School System commends its board members for their dedication to serving the needs of students and employees and for their commitment to providing quality education for all children. The School Board will be recognized at the regular meeting scheduled on March 21st at the Public Safety Complex.

*Photo Attached



L to R: Brett Mercer, John Filson, Dr. Delores Diaz, Dr. Wanda Creel, Willie Mitchell, and Sammy Smith