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## **Story Release**

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## **Callaway Elementary Cuts Ribbon on Their Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine**

LaGrange, Ga., March 22, 2022 – Dr. Milton Reese, principal at Callaway Elementary School celebrated receiving their schools “Inchy’s Bookworm Vending Machine,” with a ribbon cutting with students Tuesday morning.

“At the beginning of this school year we were looking for different ways to increase literacy among our students as we know that not all students have a love for reading. However, we wanted to be able to place book in all the student’s hands.” said Reese. “So we aligned literacy with our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program.”

Dr. Reese went on to say that they are trying to make sure students know what their expectations are when they’re in the classroom, on the bus or in the cafeteria. It allows students to be rewarded for those things they do well and allows the school to reach the behaviors that are expected through PBIS and Literacy.

“It’s exciting to place a book in the students hand and encourage and foster a love for reading. When the machine arrived the students got really excited about being able to shop the machine and have their own book to take home,” said Dr. Reese.

The vending machine and the 500 stocked books are part of the L4GA (Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading in Georgia) grant. It’s expected that the machine will need to be refilled quarterly during the school year as students earn their golden coins to use to purchase the books. There is something for everyone in the machine.

### **About Troup County School System**

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about [Troup County School System](https://www.troupp.org), visit troupp.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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Photo Caption 1: Single Student- Landyn Reed

Photo Caption 2: Group- Students (L to R) Isaiah Acevedo, Landyn Reed, Alexander Longoria, Kaliyah Docourcy, Mylee Ratliff, Knox Dominick

Photo Caption 3: CES Bookworm Vending coins