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LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS' CCRPI DATA OUTPERFORMS STATE

Leesburg, GA -- The Lee County School System's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) exceeded the state's score at all levels for four out of five components.

College and Career Ready Performance Index scores are based on five separate components – Content Mastery, Closing Gaps, Progress, Readiness and, for high schools, Graduation Rate. While the district averages for Content Mastery, Progress, Readiness, and Graduation Rate outpaced the state's, there are opportunities for improvement in the Closing Gaps component – which requires schools to meet achievement targets for each student group within the student population.

Mrs. Katie Peppers, principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School (TOES), shares next steps for elementary-aged students across the district. "The faculties at TOES and Lee County Elementary School conducted a comprehensive analysis of our College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) data, revealing students' performance in the readiness section surpassed the state average. This particular metric assesses whether students are engaging

in activities that prepare them for the challenges of the next academic level, college, or future career paths. In addition to readiness, elementary-aged students also demonstrated positive progress in overall math scores.”

“Our strongest content area within the middle school group was math, in regards to our content mastery performance,” states Maggie Grange, Lee County Middle School East principal. “We also met all the closing gaps targets in science and social studies and had the highest closing gaps score across all school levels in addition to exceeding the state average.”

Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – the replacement for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) passed in 2015 – states are required to have a “statewide accountability system” that complies with federal requirements, providing information on how well schools are performing. CCRPI metrics are the current accountability system in the state of Georgia.

“Mrs. Willis and I celebrate the achievements the students at LCPS and KPS have accomplished, specifically in mathematics, reading and readiness skills,” declares Mrs. Jaimie Murdock, principal of Lee County Primary School (LCPS). “We also celebrate our English Language Learners and the progress they are making towards English Language Proficiency, with scores being above the state average.”

Dr. Kathleen E.K. Truitt, superintendent of the Lee County School System, says, “I celebrate the achievements that we, as a system, have made. We are focused on refining some of our instructional practices to enhance student engagement and to ensure highly effective instruction results in high levels of learning for all of our students”.

“I am proud of our performance,” offered Dr. Trey Newell, Lee County Board of Education member. “The data, as a whole, shows that we are doing well and our students are meeting or exceeding the criteria as compared to the state. There are areas where we are not excelling and we do acknowledge those and are putting processes in place to address them. I look forward to our progression and I am very excited about the direction Dr. Truitt is leading us in.”

Details on Comparability (sourced from Georgia Department of Education)

- The Content Mastery and Graduation Rate components are comparable between 2022 and 2023.
- Readiness component scores are not comparable from 2022 to 2023, because the attendance and college and career readiness indicators were not calculated in 2022 due to pandemic-related data limitations, and changes were made to align the literacy indicator to the metric already used for Georgia Milestones in 2023.
- Progress and Closing Gaps were not calculated in 2022 due to pandemic-related data limitations.

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About Lee County Schools:

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