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November 20, 2025	Recognition Item 2

Title

Georgia School Bell Award-Macedonia ES

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Georgia School Bell Award-Macedonia ES

Summary Explanation and Background

Macedonia Elementary School has won the prestigious School Bell Award from the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals, which is presented to no more than 10 schools each year in recognition of outstanding curriculum and organizational leadership initiatives.

Macedonia ES earned the award for its initiative, "Redefining Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): Shifting the Focus from Achievement to Student Growth to Increase Teacher Ownership."

The school's students consistently perform at high academic levels, which is celebrated, but presents a unique challenge in defining and measuring adequate growth for high-achieving students. To meet this need, the school shifted the focus of its PLCs (small faculty groups that meet by grade level and/or subject) from overall achievement to growth for every student. As a result, many teachers achieved adequate or high growth with their students, reflecting the power of intentional collaboration and data-driven instruction.

The school is led by Principal Dr. Carrie O'Bryant and assistant principals, Tracy Sparks and Melissa Venezia.

Financial Impact

N/A

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