Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
November 20, 2025	Recognition Item 1

Title

Title I Distinguished School – Carmel ES

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Title I Distinguished School – Carmel ES

Summary Explanation and Background

Carmel Elementary School ranked among the top 5% of highest-performing Title I schools statewide to earn the 2025 recognition, which it previously won in 2023. Title I is a federal funding program that provides additional funding to qualifying schools. The Georgia Department of Education recognizes K-12 Title I schools for significant progress in improving student achievement.

Carmel ES now is eligible for the prestigious National ESEA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Distinguished Schools award, which is presented to only two schools from each state for outstanding achievement. Winning schools, which each will receive an additional $20,000 in federal funding, are selected based on three areas: exceptional student performance, closing the achievement gap between student groups and excellence in serving special populations of students, such as homeless students and English Learners.

The school is led by Principal Lisa Rich and assistant principals, Lea Henderson and Dana Thompkins.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

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Source of Additional Information — Open URL

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