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Bibb County School District Expands Leadership Partnership with Georgia State University's Principals Center

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(MACON, GA) – Bibb County School District (BCSD) continues to strengthen instructional excellence and leadership development through an expanded partnership with Georgia State University's Principals Center, entering the 2025–2026 school year with enhanced cohort programming and targeted professional learning through its Principals Center Satellite Site in Macon.

Launched on November 4, 2024, the BCSD satellite site marked a significant investment in school leaders as a lever for improved student outcomes. Now in its second year, the site has grown into a regional leadership hub, serving BCSD leaders alongside principals and assistant principals from neighboring Middle and South Georgia districts.

For 2025–2026, BCSD will host two leadership cohorts:

- **Organizational Leadership Academy (Principals):** Serving 45 leaders, including all BCSD principals and five from Valdosta City Schools, fostering cross-district collaboration focused on instructional leadership and organizational improvement.
- **Seminar for Assistant Principals (New):** Supporting 52 assistant principals from BCSD and three from Dooley County Schools, strengthening regional leadership pipelines and emerging leaders

In addition to cohort-based learning, the partnership has delivered a suite of Tool Box Series professional learning sessions tailored to BCSD priorities, including:

- **Full Time Equivalent 101: Best Practices:** equips school leaders with a clear understanding of Georgia's FTE formula and scheduling for maximizing funding.

- **Designing Your Game Plan for CCRPI Success:** providing principals and assistant principals with actionable strategies aligned to state accountability measures and district improvement goals.

“Investing in our school leaders is one of the most powerful ways to impact teaching, learning, and student success,” said Dan Sims, Ed.D., Superintendent of Bibb County School District. “This partnership allows us to build leadership capacity at scale while positioning BCSD as a regional leader in professional learning.”

“The growth of the BCSD satellite site reflects the district’s vision,” said Dionne Cowan, Ed.D., Executive Director of the Principals Center. “Bibb County has created a space where leaders can learn together, across roles and districts, in ways that are deeply connected to the realities of their schools.”

BCSD remains committed to serving as a model for leadership development—leveraging strong university partnerships to ensure leaders are prepared and empowered to lead schools.

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