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## Houston County Board of Education Named Exemplary Board



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education was recognized by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) as an *Exemplary Board* for its proven pursuit of excellence. The award was announced during the virtual 2020 GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference on Dec. 4, 2020. This is the fifth year the Houston County Board has been bestowed this honor.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott remarked, “Our Board members are so very deserving of this recognition! They devote countless hours to the children of Houston County. Every board member is passionate about ensuring all students receive a high-quality education and that our teachers have the resources they need. We are so thankful for the leadership of our governance team!”

The Board and Superintendent are pictured (from 2019) with their GSBA *Exemplary Board* award. From left are: Board members Dave Crockett, Dr. Rick Unruh, Fred Wilson and Lori Johnson; Superintendent Scott; and Board members Helen Hughes, Bryan Upshaw and Hoke Morrow.

Houston County’s Board met and/or exceeded the criteria for Exemplary Board. This is the third and highest level of the [GSBA recognition program](#), which was adopted in 2013. The Board has now earned *Quality School Board* in 2013, *Distinguished School Board* in 2014 and *Exemplary Board* in

2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020. (The awards program was not offered in 2017.)

The recognition program showcases best practices in school governance and leadership. GSBA recognizes good school board governance to foster educational community cultures in order to advance student learning and achievement. For more information, visit the [GSBA website](#).

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