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Finance & Business Department Wins State Award of Distinction



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District has received the "Award of Distinction for Excellent Financial Reporting" from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (GOAA). The District continued to meet all reporting deadlines and the 2020 Fiscal Year Audit Report had no qualifications or

findings, earning this recognition reserved for Boards that go beyond minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles.

The Finance & Business Department has received this award for eight consecutive years, every year since the award's inception in 2014. Stephen Thublin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations, credits the teamwork and support across the district.

Thublin said, "We are proud of consistent, excellent audit results and appreciate the team effort put forth at the central office and in all of our schools. Our Business Office works hard to ensure accurate reporting, as do our purchasing, facilities and technology departments. At the school level, I commend our grant and school bookkeepers. I'd also like to express appreciation for the support of our principals, superintendent and board members."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott commented, "Congratulations to Mr. Thublin and the Business/Finance Department on receiving this award for the eighth consecutive year. Although our Board members, schools and departments play an important role in achieving this award, Stephen and his staff deserve the lion's share of this recognition!"

The Houston County School District's central office is located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. For more information about this award, please visit the <u>GOAA website</u>. One may also contact Thublin at 478-988-6248 or <u>Stephen.Thublin@hcbe.net</u>.

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