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### Board of Education Honored with Government Service Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County Board of Education received the *2020 Sherrill Stafford Government Service Award* from the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 9. Chamber Chairman Shane Gottwals and Past Chairman Jay Flesher presented the award during the Board of Education meeting.

Pictured (from left) are: Flesher, Board of Education Chairman Fred Wilson, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott and Gottwals.

“While we saw many individuals and government agencies step up in a big way in the face of the uncertainty presented in 2020 to keep our community healthy and safe, the most notable and immediate response was led by our very own Houston County Board of Education,” remarked Gottwals. “Under the leadership of Dr. Mark Scott, Mr. Fred Wilson, and the entire Board of Education, the Houston County School District has been a model for systems across the country on how to implement safety measures and provide necessary resources to continue providing quality education to the children of our community.”

The *Sherrill Stafford Government Service Award* was established in memory of former Houston County Board of Commissioners Chairman and former Mayor of the City of Centerville, Sherrill Stafford. Historically, it is presented to the community’s most outstanding elected or appointed official employee of a governmental agency. The award recognizes exceptional service in the performance of duty. Previous recipients of this award include Dr. Scott, who received the award in 2018.

During the Board meeting, Gottwals and Flesher also presented the district with two laptop computers. Kinetic by Windstream donated the laptops to the Robins Regional Chamber Education Foundation. The foundation gifted the laptops to the Board of Education to support teaching and learning in the school district.

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The *Sherrill Stafford Government Service Award* is part of the Chamber's annual Pinnacle Awards program. The Houston County School District's central office is located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. For more information about the district, visit <https://www.hcbe.net>. For more information about Robins Regional Chamber and the Pinnacle Awards program, please visit <https://www.robinsregion.com/>.

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