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CARTER, SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS RANK AMONG TOP 5 PERCENT OF STATE'S TITLE I SCHOOLS

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(MACON, GA) – Two Bibb County School District schools have been recognized by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) for their outstanding achievements in education. Carter Elementary School and Springdale Elementary School have been recognized as Distinguished Title I Schools in Georgia for ranking among the top 5 percent of the state's Title I schools with regard to the most recent CCRPI data (2019 CCRPI scores).

This is not the first time each of these schools has been distinguished with this honor. In November 2019, both schools were recognized as Distinguished Title I Schools in Georgia for ranking among the top 5 percent of the state's Title I schools.

"Receiving recognition from the Georgia Department of Education is extremely rewarding in the best of times. Receiving recognition during a global pandemic adds new meaning to the significance of this designation," said Dr. Lori Ward-Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of District Effectiveness and Federal Programs. "This recognition shows that educators are creative, resilient, and committed to students' success regardless of the challenges. Being in the top 5% of all Title I Schools in Georgia speaks volumes to the commitment of Carter and Springdale Elementary Schools to continuous improvement. We celebrate the school leaders, teachers, parents, and community partners in our Distinguished Schools recognition."

A project of the National Association of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) State Program Administration (NAESPA) is to publicly recognize two schools from each state receiving federal funding for their outstanding achievements in education each year. These schools will be designated as FY21 National ESEA Distinguished Schools. Because only two schools per state are selected as National ESEA Distinguished Schools, this award is a very prestigious honor. As a Georgia Schoolwide Program (SWP) Title I school that ranked in the top 5 percent based on the most current CCRPI data, both Carter and Springdale qualify to apply for this award.

Vision: Each student will demonstrate strength of character and will be college or career ready.

Mission: The Bibb County School District develops a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.

Carter Elementary and Skyview Elementary have previously been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools. In May 2019, the GaDOE announced Carter Elementary School was one of two Title I schools in Georgia to be recognized as a National ESEA Distinguished School. The school was recognized at the National ESEA Conference in February 2020. The GaDOE announced in December 2018 that Skyview Elementary School was one of two Title I schools in Georgia to be recognized as a National ESEA Distinguished School. Skyview Elementary was recognized at the National ESEA Conference in January 2019.

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