



# Muscofee County School District

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Muscofee County Board of Education**

#### **“Board of Distinction Honor”**

**(Columbus, GA)**-Congratulations to the Muscofee County Board of Education on becoming a 2009 *Georgia School Board of Distinction*. Friday, December 4, 2009, the Board will be honored at the 2009 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA)/Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Philip Schley, Chairman of the Muscofee County Board of Education, will accept the award on behalf of the Board and Superintendent.

To be named a Board of Distinction, a local Board of Education must complete a series of tasks, which include undergoing a self-assessment and having a committee from the community apply the GSBA Standards on Governance to the Board's action. The Board must also develop an action plan to meet the areas, which are identified as weaknesses. To remain in compliance, boards must recertify and meet the criteria every two years through a self-nominating process.

"Our Board of Education has worked extremely hard in the past eleven months to complete these tasks and to serve with distinction in an effort to receive this recognition, said Dr. Susan Andrews, Superintendent of Education and President-elect of the GSSA. "I hope the community has noticed their efforts and will congratulate the Board on this accomplishment."

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## Process to Attain *Board of Distinction* Designation

The following criteria must be met in order to be designated a ***Board of Distinction*** by the Georgia School Boards Association:

Criteria to achieve Board of Distinction	Status (√ = completed)
BOE And system are not on probation from SACS/CASI or any other accreditation organization.	√
Must have met criteria of Standards for Local Board of Education.	√
Implement GSBA Board/Leadership Team Self-Assessment Checklist	√
Formalize superintendent evaluation incorporating district goals.	√
A copy of, or a web link to, the board's goal-setting model and listing of district's goals.	√
A web link to the local district's policy manual that is posted on the internet.	√
A web link to posting of monthly board meeting agendas online.	√
A plan for technology integration at the school board governance level of the local district. This refers to school board members and how the board is integrating technology in their governance operations.	√
Signature on "Form to Begin Board of Distinction Process."	√
Complete "Form to Verify Compliance with Board of Distinction."	√

For more information, e-mail [communications@mcsda.net](mailto:communications@mcsda.net), or find out more about the Board of Distinction process on the Georgia School Boards Association link, [http://gsba.com/services/services\\_distinction.htm](http://gsba.com/services/services_distinction.htm) .