



# Muscogee County School District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### 2015 GSBA Distinguished School Board

**(Columbus, GA)**-The Muscogee County Board of Education earns the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) 2015 Board of Distinction recognition. Robert Varner, the Board Chairman, accepted the award on behalf of the Board and the Superintendent, Dr. David F. Lewis, as the governance team, at the GSBA Winter Conference on Friday, December 4, 2015, in Atlanta.

Designed to showcase best practices in school governance and leadership, the GSBA revised its recognition program to reflect the state standards. The Distinguished Board honor recognizes good school board governance to foster educational community cultures in order to advance student learning and achievement. *The Muscogee County Board of Education* met and or exceeded the criteria set forth by GSBA to earn the honor of a *2015 Distinguished Board*.

The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) and Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) challenge constituents to reach for higher levels of excellence. Earning the Board of Distinction classification requires structure that includes completing the Board/Leadership Team Self-Assessment, linked to a locally developed/adopted superintendent evaluation instrument, continuation of requirements of the standards and other additional criteria to ensure a functional local organizational structure that empowers the leadership team to manage the school district as a Board of Distinction.

The GSBA Governance Team Recognition Program was developed by Georgia superintendents and board members. In 1998, the Georgia School Boards Association was one of the first school board associations in the nation to develop a program of standards for local boards of education. The GSBA Board recognition program is a three-year, three tiered program.

For more information, access [www.gsba.com](http://www.gsba.com).

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