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Six MCSD Schools Earn GOSA Performance Recognitions

(Columbus, GA)-Six schools in the Muscogee County School District are named Highest Performing or Greatest Gains schools by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA). The awards are approved by GOSA and the State Board of Education as part of Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) using data from multiple school years (2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016).

School	Greatest Gains Award	Highest Performing Award
Aaron Cohn Middle School	Silver	-----
Blackmon Road Middle School	Gold	-----
Britt David Magnet Academy	Platinum	Platinum
Columbus High School	-----	Silver
North Columbus Elementary	Bronze	-----
Northside High School	Bronze	-----

According to GOSA, the Highest Performing schools must earn a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Achievement Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile. Greatest Gains schools must earn a three-year average CCRPI Progress Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile.

“We commend all of our highest performing and greatest gains schools, which doubled from last year,” said Dr. David F. Lewis, Superintendent. “The fact that these recognitions are based on a three-year average is a testament to each school’s consistent high performance.”

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In addition, Governor Nathan Deal released the GOSA [list of Chronically Failing Schools](#), which is the former Opportunity School District (OSD) Schools.

2015 OSD Schools List	2016 Chronically Failing Schools
Baker Middle	Baker Middle
Forrest Road ES	Forrest Road ES
Davis ES	Davis ES
South Columbus ES	South Columbus ES
Fox ES	Dorothy Height ES
Lonnie Jackson Academy	Eddy MS
MLK ES	MLK ES
Dawson ES	

“We are equally pleased to see improvement and continuous overall reduction in the number of schools on the “Chronically Failing” list. We are particularly proud of the efforts made by Fox, Dawson, and Lonnie Jackson Elementary Schools and their community partners that resulted in their removal from the list,” added Lewis.

Although some schools did not qualify to come off the list, significant improvement was shown at Forrest Road Elementary, South Columbus Elementary, and Eddy Middle. Improvements are attributed to the dedication and hard work of staff, students, parents and partners as well as the addition of targeted resources provided through district and regional support.

“We will continue to differentiate support and resources in our highest need schools based on identified needs as evidenced by the improvement made at Fox, Dawson, and Lonnie Jackson to include additional staff, instructional resources, professional development, and changes in leadership, as deemed necessary. We will not be satisfied until all schools are off the list,” said Lewis.

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