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Eighth-Grade Writing Scores Improve Again

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Writing scores for the Grade 8 Writing Assessment were received this week from the Georgia Department of Education. On average, Houston County middle school students scored higher than the state and their comparison group. The system's overall scaled score was 218 -- better than the 213 state score and 210 for area systems.

This assessment tests four areas: ideas, organization, style and conventions. Eighty-seven percent of students either met or exceeded standards. This is an improvement of four percentage points over the 2010 system score of 83 percent.

Scores for all students for 2011 and 2010 are shown below for each Houston County middle school, the system overall, RESA and Georgia.

Grade 8 Writing Assessment				
	Meets + Exceeds		Scaled Score	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Bonaire	85%	92%	219	226
Feagin Mill	83%	91%	217	220
Huntington	86%	86%	219	217
Mossy Creek	89%	95%	217	226
Northside	85%	89%	218	218
Perry	77%	76%	214	210
Thomson	80%	85%	213	215
Warner Robins	80%	83%	216	212
System	83%	87%	216	218
RESA	71%	77%	208	210
State	79%	83%	213	213

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