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HCBOE Honored as School Board of Distinction

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) has recognized the Houston County Board of Education as a **2007 School Board of Distinction**. The Board first earned the distinction in 2004 and recently completed a new recertification process.

“I am proud that our board is recognized as a School Board of Distinction,” commented Pamela Greenway, board chairman. “Our board and school system constantly seek to reach higher levels of excellence. This honor is one indicator that we are achieving our goal to continuously improve.”

To be considered a School Board of Distinction, boards must comply with GSBA Standards for Local Boards of Education. The standards are intended to help the board and superintendent develop vision, goals and plans for improvement. Eight areas of responsibility are covered by the standards: vision/philosophy/goals, systematic improvement, organizational structure, board operations: policy development, board operations: board meetings, board operations: personnel, board operations: financial management, and board/staff/community relations.

For a 2007 designation, GSBA requires boards to appoint a Standards Review Committee to include two board members, one school system administrator and two community leaders. Chairman Greenway appointed board members Dr. Toby Hill and Dr. Marianne Melnick, community leaders Danny Carpenter and Cindy Holmes and system administrator Beth McLaughlin. The committee reviewed the eight major areas and completed an indicators checklist for each area. The committee’s findings were reported to the full board at the Oct. 16, board meeting.

GSBA awards School Board of Distinction honors only to boards that are in compliance with the standards and that have further distinguished themselves. GSBA looks at a board’s online policy manual, goal setting model and goals, amount of money budgeted for student improvement and plan to integrate technology. The award status expires every two years, requiring boards to recertify every other year.

For more information, Chairman Greenway may be reached at either (478) 929-1688 or post5@hcbe.net.

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