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### **Bonaire Elementary Wins State Award for Academic Achievement *Third-best in Georgia out of more than 1,200 Schools***

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Bonaire Elementary School** won an inaugural **Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Award**. This award honors schools with the highest achievement or greatest improvement on state curriculum tests. The 10 schools with the highest percentage of students scoring in the “exceeds” category for each subject and grade won an achievement award.

Out of more than 1,200 Georgia schools analyzed, Bonaire Elementary ranked the third-highest for third grade math. On the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT), 98 percent of Bonaire’s third-graders met or exceeded math standards, with 79 percent exceeding expectations. Schoolwide, 97 percent of Bonaire’s students met or exceeded CRCT reading/language arts standards and 96 percent met or exceeded CRCT math standards.

“This award is a great way for our teachers and students to be recognized for their hard work,” commented Principal Dr. Eric Payne. “Our teachers are dedicated to meeting the needs of our students whether the children need remediation or acceleration to increase learning.”

Superintendent of Schools David Carpenter remarked, “We are very proud of Bonaire Elementary and this recognition that a large percentage of its third graders scored at the highest level possible on the math CRCT. To perform the third-best in the state is admirable. I commend Dr. Payne, his teachers and students on their hard work to exceed expectations.”

Bonaire Elementary School is located at 101 Elm Street in Bonaire. Principal Payne may be contacted at either (478) 929-7826 or [eric.payne@hcbe.net](mailto:eric.payne@hcbe.net).

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