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GSBA hosts inaugural competition to celebrate outstanding School Boards: Gwinnett named 2018 Governance Team of the Year

The Georgia School Boards Association named the Gwinnett County Board of Education and Gwinnett County Public Schools as the recipient of its 2018 Governance Team of the Year Award. This prestigious award, which will be presented annually to one Georgia public school district's board of education and superintendent, honors the governance team that has achieved all-around success in its district. This recognition is deeply rooted in the components of the Georgia Vision Project's research-based recommendations for Georgia's public schools.

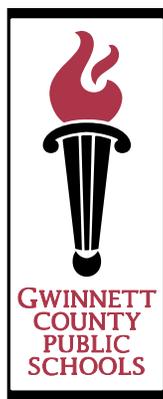
"We are so pleased to honor Gwinnett County as the Governance Team of the Year. They have exemplified, through work and service, what a high functioning board of education and superintendent look like," said **Katrina Young**, GSBA President and Rockdale County Board of Education member.

Of the many Georgia school districts, 33 qualified for the award with 10 of those districts submitting applications. These 10 finalists were vetted through a stringent application process and a visit by an impartial review team. The winner, chosen by a panel of national experts who perform various leadership roles in the field of public education, was announced at the GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta, December 6, 2018, during a banquet honoring the outstanding governance team finalists.

"The opportunity to spotlight good governance best practices is so vitally important. Gwinnett sets a high bar of achievement, and there is much we can learn from them. The Georgia School Boards Association looks forward to annually highlighting quality governance for the benefit of all boards and superintendents around Georgia." said **Valarie Wilson**, GSBA Executive Director.

GSBA's validation and selection team for this award highlighted a few exemplary areas found in Gwinnett. Those include:

- **Partnerships:** In Gwinnett there is "an extremely strong culture of building partnerships within AND beyond their school system through the mentoring of other districts."



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- **Branding:** The district’s “*Promise of Gwinnett*” initiative highlights students and staff members on an ongoing basis and spreads the good news of the system through social media and other formats.”
- **Governance:** The district’s strategic plan aligns strongly to its goals.

Carole Boyce, 2018 Chair of the Gwinnett County Board of Education, expressed how proud she and her fellow Board members are to be named this year’s winner. She said, “Each of the local boards of education chosen as finalists is doing outstanding work and it is quite an honor to be selected from such an impressive group. To be selected as the inaugural winner of this award is an accomplishment in which our entire community can take pride as it is a reflection of our collective work to make Gwinnett County Public Schools a system of world-class schools. As a Board Governance Team, a focus on realizing that vision and making decisions based on what is best for *all* Gwinnett County students has been fundamental to our overall success.”

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