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### **2014 CRCT RESULTS SHOW DEKALB DISTRICT SCHOOLS AMONG LEADERS IN ACADEMIC GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT**

*Economically disadvantaged students post significant gains*

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**DEKALB COUNTY, GA (July 8, 2014) –** According to recently released Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) for grades 3-8, Wadsworth Magnet School showed a perfect proficiency rate (meets or exceeds standards) on all tests. Kittredge Magnet School also performed extremely well with a perfect proficiency rate in all but one content test in a single grade level. Both schools are among the highest performing schools in Georgia.

Six DeKalb schools scored proficiency rates of 90 percent or higher in all tests administered. Those schools are:

- Austin ES
- DeKalb School of the Arts (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Fernbank ES
- Montgomery ES
- Oak Grove ES
- Vanderlyn ES

Students were tested in five content areas: reading, English language arts, science, social studies and mathematics.

Significant academic growth as indicated by the test results was found in 11 schools, which demonstrated double-digit improvement in proficiency rates in at least five of 15 tests administered at each site. These schools include:

- Briar Vista ES
- Columbia ES
- DeKalb Alternative School
- Indian Creek ES
- Knollwood ES
- McLendon ES
- Meadowview ES
- Pleasantdale ES
- Rainbow ES
- Rock Chapel ES
- Woodridge ES

All of these schools demonstrating significant growth have majority student populations that are economically disadvantaged.

The schools demonstrating significant academic growth and achievement are spread around the county and represent all five school regions.

“These results are due to the dedication and hard work of our students, parents and teachers, and the District’s laser focus on academic growth and achievement,” said Michael Thurmond, superintendent of the DeKalb County School District.

Chapel Hill Elementary School is a prime example of the academic growth that has been achieved in the past year. Chapel Hill’s CRCT scores for 2014 demonstrated an increase in proficiency rates in nine of 15 content areas, and 13 test areas demonstrated increases in the exceed category when compared against 2013.

“We are excited about the student academic performance at Chapel Hill,” said Mr. Thurmond. “These results bode well for next year’s College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) results, which is the state’s key accountability measurement.”

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