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GCPS curriculum program highlighted by social studies leaders

A Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) program developed and implemented to complement school improvement plans for increasing literacy among its students, recently earned the school system top accolades from Georgia education leaders. The Georgia Council for the Social Studies (GCSS) selected GCPS as the recipient of the GCSS Program of Excellence Award recognizing the district for an innovative program to support student achievement.



GCPS' director of social studies, Debbie Daniell, accepts the award on behalf of the school district from Dr. Eddie Bennett, executive director of GCSS.

In presenting this award to Gwinnett, GCSS highlights the school district's "Building Literacy in Social Studies" program. It was developed by the school district using the "train the trainer" model which allows representatives from local schools to receive social studies literacy training and then deliver literacy strategies to all social studies teachers at their school. The program uses research-based strategies on the reading process, vocabulary development, textbook literacy, civic engagement, use of primary and secondary documents, and newspaper and magazine literacy.

Dr. Eddie Bennett, executive director of GCSS, says, "This is another example of the outstanding work of the leaders and teachers in Gwinnett County. This program provided a wealth of resources to teachers in all grade levels to assist students in developing literacy skills."

The organization presented the award to Gwinnett during the annual Georgia Council for the Social Studies Conference at the Classic Center in Athens.

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