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**SUBJECT:** 2015-16 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Scores

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The Cherokee County School District for the fifth consecutive year has exceeded the State's average score under the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) system that annually assesses student academic achievement and progress... and increased its average score by more than 3 points!

The School District's average CCRPI score for 2015-16 released today by the Georgia Department of Education is 81.6, up from 78.2 the previous year, and exceeding the Georgia average of 73.6. Averages at all three levels of CCSD schools – elementary, middle and high – increased; no schools scored below 64.

Individual pieces of data used to formulate CCRPI, such as Georgia Milestones assessment results and graduation rates, are analyzed by school and CCSD data management and leadership teams upon receipt throughout the year. As a result, CCSD's efforts to track college and career readiness and address school performance issues are not halted while waiting for the State to calculate a score based on these metrics.

Additionally, School Board Policy provides for an administrative team to intervene whenever the Superintendent of Schools determines action is needed. The process, which has been utilized three times in recent years, sends a team of CCSD leaders to the school for a thorough operational review with specific recommendations issued for changes.

Annual CCRPI scores do serve a purpose for CCSD: the 2014-15 CCRPI scores were designated by the School Board as the benchmark for achievement for our Strategic Waiver System reform model; we now are working to improve annually on those benchmark scores... which these new results illustrate is being accomplished.

We applaud the hard work underway by students, teachers and staff in schools across CCSD to ensure that every student is as successful as possible, which we know also requires the support of parents, families, volunteers and partners. Thank you to everyone who plays a role in preparing our future generation for college and career readiness... together we're successfully "Educating the Emerging Generation!"

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	2015 CCRPI	2016 CCRPI
<b>STATE ES AVERAGE</b>	76.0	71.7
<b>CCSD ES AVERAGE</b>	74.2	77.9
Arnold Mill	76.2	77.5
Avery	80.3	87.1
Ball Ground	68.9	75.7
Bascomb	87.8	93.1
Boston	84.8	81.7
Canton	60.0	68.7
Carmel	75.0	83.1
Clark Creek	75.7	78.5
Clayton	75.6	75.9
Free Home	84.9	76.6
Hasty	62.4	64.5
Hickory Flat	82.6	88.4
Holly Springs	56.9	68.6
Indian Knoll	72.4	78.8
Johnston	81.3	80.0
Knox	68.5	78.3
Liberty	72.1	81.3
Little River	76.2	73.9
Macedonia	86.9	88.6
Mountain Road	69.5	83.3
Oak Grove	65.6	76.7
R.M. Moore	69.1	84.5
Sixes	80.0	83.3
Woodstock	75.1	77.4
<b>STATE MS AVG</b>	71.2	71.5
<b>CCSD MS AVG</b>	77.6	81.3
Creekland	78.9	84.4
E.T. Booth	84.3	86.4
Dean Rusk	78.7	82.1
Freedom	84.5	80.6
Mill Creek	74.8	78.6
Teasley	63.7	74.3
Woodstock	82.4	85.3
<b>STATE HS AVG</b>	75.8	75.7
<b>CCSD HS AVG</b>	83.0	85.6
Cherokee	79.7	71.8
Creekview	82.9	88.7
Etowah	88.0	85.1
River Ridge	83.1	89.5
Sequoyah	84.7	90.4
Woodstock	83.8	90.2
<b>STATE AVG</b>	75.5	73.6
<b>CCSD AVG</b>	78.2	81.6