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LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM NAMED “EXEMPLARY SCHOOL DISTRICT” BY TN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

LSS is One of 12 Systems in TN to Receive Distinction

Lakeland, TN, August 3, 2015— In only its first year of operation, Lakeland School System has been named a Tennessee Exemplary District by the TN Department of Education. The prestigious designation was granted to only 12 of the 142 school systems in Tennessee. In addition, the system’s only school, Lakeland Elementary School, was named as a Reward School placing it in the top 5% of schools in the state for academic achievement.

Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell said, “These honors are a direct reflection of the hard work and high academic standards of our teachers, staff members, administrators, and school board as well as the commitment of our students and parents to meet those high standards. I could not be more proud of our district.”

The Exemplary rating recognizes school districts across the state that significantly improved student performance and narrowed achievement gaps under Tennessee’s accountability system. Lakeland School System, along with the other recognized districts, raised proficiency levels on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program tests; made substantial progress in closing gaps between groups of students; and ensured improvement for racial minorities, as well as students with disabilities, limited English proficiency and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

LSS’s district-wide TCAP achievement scores ranked number one in the state in both Math and Reading/Language Arts, and ranked number two in the state in Science.

Lakeland Elementary School Principal Joretha Lockhart said, "Because our students were engaged and eager to learn, their performance on the TCAP exceeded our academic expectations. I am so incredibly proud of each one of them."

Lakeland School Board chairman Kevin Floyd added, "This is a tremendous accomplishment. We are extremely proud of our teachers, faculty, staff, students, and parents. The future is bright in Lakeland."

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