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# School Board Named Exemplary Board for Fifth Consecutive Year by GSBA

The Paulding County Board of Education is proud to announce it has earned the Georgia School Boards Association's (GSBA) 2024 Exemplary School Board recognition for the fifth consecutive year. Board members will be presented with the honor at GSBA's annual conference Dec. 12-13 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta.

School boards may apply with GSBA for one of three distinctions: Quality Board, Distinguished Board, or Exemplary Board. The Exemplary Board distinction is the pinnacle of achievement. The PCSD Board of Education first became eligible to apply for Exemplary status in 2020, and that year's award was the first time a PCSD school board had been recognized with GSBA's highest status level.

According to GSBA, the recognition program is designed to showcase best practices in school governance and leadership. GSBA recognizes good school board governance to foster educational community cultures to advance student learning and achievement.



The Paulding County Board of Education (from left): Steve Barnette (Superintendent), Adam Clayton, John Dean, Deborah Collett (Chair), Dan Nolan, Theresa Lyons, Jeff Fuller (Vice Chair), Nick Chester.

"I want to thank the Georgia School Boards Association for once again recognizing our school board for its commitment to good governance. Our goal is to provide the best possible education for the students of Paulding County," said PCSD Board Chair Deborah Collett. "We are strong proponents of the rigorous criteria GSBA has established to identify school boards that go above and beyond to set a standard for excellence. We are dedicated to the financial stewardship and educational oversight of our outstanding school system. Being a school board member is a significant commitment, and I want to thank my fellow board members for taking that responsibility seriously and congratulate them on attaining this great honor for the fifth consecutive year."

The Paulding County Board of Education exceeded the criteria set forth by GSBA to earn the honor of being one of the select Georgia school districts to be named a 2024 Exemplary Board. The criteria may be reviewed by [clicking here](#).

The GSBA Governance Team Recognition Program was developed by Georgia superintendents and board members based on the [state board of education's standards for effective governance](#) to recognize exemplary leadership.

The GSBA Board recognition program is a three-tiered program. For more information on the program, please visit the [GSBA website for awards and recognition](#).

