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### **Mechanics Win Middle Georgia RESA Technician Awards**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Two Houston Board of Education Transportation Department school bus technicians won awards at the Middle Georgia RESA Technicians' Competition held April 11. Sean McPhail (pictured left) won first place and Hugh Cross took second. Both technicians now advance to the state-wide competition.

In addition, Houston's Bobby Archer finished in fourth place. Archer recently qualified to also compete at state.

All three mechanics will represent the Houston County School System and Middle Georgia RESA at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Technicians' Competition on June 3, 2019, at the Macon Marriot Civic Center. Technicians are tested on their ability to troubleshoot and repair complex school bus air, hydraulic, mechanical and electrical systems. At state, their skills will be tested against the best school bus technicians in Georgia.

"This is the third consecutive year Sean has qualified for the state competition," commented the Director of Transportation, Tom Walmer. "We are so proud of Sean, Hugh and Bobby for their success at the Middle Georgia RESA Technicians' Competition! They are great examples of the caliber of our district's employees. Our mechanics perform at a high level on a daily basis to keep our buses safe for our students."

Middle Georgia RESA serves eight school districts: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs. The Transportation Department is located at 311 Bear Country Boulevard in Warner Robins. For more information, please contact Walmer at 478-329-2218 or [Tom.Walmer@hcbe.net](mailto:Tom.Walmer@hcbe.net).

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