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Congratulations to Houston County’s Teachers of the Year

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County schools have selected their 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. The honorees will be recognized at the system’s Opening Session on July 25, 2018. The 2018-2019 Houston County Teacher of the Year and four finalists will be announced for the first time during Opening Session. Congratulations to our Teachers of the Year!

2018 - 2019 Houston County Teachers of the Year

Bonaire Elementary	Gina Suckow
* Bonaire Middle	Kim Kolmetz
C.B. Watson Primary	Tami Karimoto
* Centerville Elementary	Jennifer Pritchard
* David Perdue Elementary	Leslie Turner
David Perdue Primary.....	Teresa Tuten
* Eagle Springs Elementary	Angie Foster
Feagin Mill Middle	Georganne Waters
Hilltop Elementary	Dara Seamans
Houston County Career Academy	Cheronie Blunt
Houston County Crossroads Center	Shamika Jackson
* Houston County High.....	Melisa Hunt
Huntington Middle.....	Janice Clark
Kings Chapel Elementary.....	Daniel Wood
* Lake Joy Elementary	Jessica Smith
Lake Joy Primary.....	Rachel Dozier
Langston Road Elementary.....	Kathy Conrad
Lindsey Elementary.....	Artia Shorter
Matt Arthur Elementary	Erin Gramley
Miller Elementary.....	Janet Morris
Morningside Elementary	Beth Wynn
Mossy Creek Middle.....	Lindsay Gentry
* Northside Elementary.....	Adrienne Bickel

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* Northside High.....	Sam Said
Northside Middle.....	Tambra Singletary
Parkwood Elementary.....	Melissa Castle
Pearl Stephens Elementary.....	Alicia Gresham
Perry High	Deidre Williams
Perry Middle.....	Jeremy Manning
Quail Run Elementary.....	Tina Jacques
Russell Elementary.....	Jessica Fennell
Shirley Hills Elementary.....	Samantha Richardson
* Thomson Middle.....	Erica Fleming
Tucker Elementary	Kaki Whiddon
Veterans High.....	Jennifer Douglass
* Warner Robins High.....	Libbet Turner
Warner Robins Middle.....	Shenequia Jones
Westside Elementary.....	Quishawna Henderson

* Top 10 semi-finalist for Houston County Teacher of the Year

Each school has its own selection process. To select the system-wide winners, an educator from outside of the system evaluated the school-level nominees' written applications. After this preliminary judging, 10 semi-finalists were selected for one-on-one interviews with a panel of out-of-system judges consisting of personnel with experience in the educational field. After an intensive and lengthy review of written applications and face-to-face interviews, the judges select the top five teachers. The four finalists and the system-wide Teacher of the Year will remain a surprise until announced on July 26.

The 2017-2018 Houston County Teacher of the Year is Ike Thompson from Veterans High. Thompson is among the top 10 finalists for Georgia Teacher of the Year.

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