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Georgia's School Boards Shine in National Survey of Tech-savviness

Georgia's school boards have once again dominated the top ten winners circle of the Center for Digital Education and the National School Boards Association Annual Digital School Boards Survey. The study examines how school boards and their school districts are applying information technology to better engage their local communities and constituents, and improve their delivery of services and quality of education to public schools.

The survey extends far beyond whether or not online services and information exists in the district. It asks in-depth questions about topics such as how technology and data are used in the decision-making process and what strategies the district employs for technology usage in the classroom.

All U.S. school boards are invited to participate in this survey. They are grouped into three categories based on student population (small, medium and large). Georgia school boards took 11 out of 30 awards. Jefferson City Schools won first place in its enrollment grouping in 2004 as well. Rankings by Georgia Districts were as follows:

Large Districts (15,000 or more students)

3rd place – Houston County Board of Education

4th place – Cherokee County Board of Education

6th place – DeKalb County Board of Education

Medium Districts (2,501 - 15,000 students)

2nd place – White County Board of Education

5th place - Barrow County Board of Education (tie)

5th place – Ben Hill County Board of Education (tie)

7th place – Gainesville City Board of Education

10th place – Jones County Board of Education (tie)

10th place – Marietta City Board of Education (tie)

Small Districts (2,500 or fewer students)

1st place – Jefferson City Board of Education

5th place – Turner County Board of Education

Georgia School Boards Association Executive Director Jeannie M. (Sis) Henry said, "The fact that Georgia continues to shine in this way demonstrates the importance our boards and superintendents place on the effective use of technology at the governance level. GSBA fully supports this work and congratulates these leaders for their vision."

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