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ECSD Celebrates PBIS Bronze, Silver and Gold Schools

Escambia County School Superintendent Malcolm Thomas announced the 2017-2018 Bronze, Silver and Gold Level PBIS Model Schools during the January School Board meeting on January 15.

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Support and Escambia County schools have been recipients of PBIS Model School status for eight years.

“The first year we had two schools,” said Superintendent Thomas. “This year we have twenty-one schools and we continue to add model schools every year.”

“PBIS is the application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish positive school cultures,” Superintendent Thomas explained. “This process is a team-based approach that relies on a strong collaboration between families and professionals from a variety of disciplines regardless of the level implemented.”

Recognition began with the 2 bronze level model schools. In order to receive bronze status, schools must demonstrate an overall effectiveness of tier one behavioral data and use this data to develop a plan of action that ensures equitable behavioral outcomes for all students.

Mr. Jeremy Tompkins, PBIS coordinator for ECSD announced the Bronze Level Model Schools:

1. Brentwood Elementary School was represented by Principal Jennifer Sewell and Behavior Coach Scotti Mason.
2. Longleaf Elementary School was represented by Principal Troy Brown and PBIS Coach Cecelia Hale.

Next, Tompkins announced 6 silver-level schools. In order to receive silver

status, schools must meet bronze criteria and exemplify improved student outcomes, less than 15% increase over the last two years and less than the state average for their school type in office discipline referrals and out of school suspension. The Silver Level Model Schools are:

1. Ernest Ward Middle School represented by Principal Nancy Gindl-Perry and PBIS Coach Kenneth Hicks and Co-PBIS Coach Ashley Long.
2. Escambia High School represented by Principal Frank Murphy and RTI Coach Ryan James.
3. Myrtle Grove Elementary School represented by PBIS Coach Meaghan Caffelle and Aurora Paul.
4. Navy Point Elementary School represented by Assistant Principal Catherine Rudd and PBIS Coach Pam Frick.
5. Pleasant Grove Elementary School represented by PBIS Coach Aaron Foote and PBIS Lead Teacher Alice Downs.
6. Booker T. Washington High School represented by Assistant Principal Sherita Williams and RTI Coach Charlotte Watts.

In order to reach Gold Level status, schools must meet silver criteria and strive for equitable student outcomes during the 2018-2019 school year. A school must have 0 subgroups with significant disproportionality to be eligible for gold.

Tompkins announced 13 Gold Level Model Schools Tuesday night:

1. Bailey Middle School represented by Assistant Principal Tara Rush and PBIS Coordinator, Dr. Julie Britt.
2. Bellview Middle School represented by Assistant Principal Tara Palasciano and Dean Vermonda Onger.
3. Beulah middle school represented by principal Wilson Taylor and PBIS Coach Ashleigh Crowson.
4. Blue Angels Elementary School represented by Principal Jayne Murphy and Guidance Counselor Vanessa Griffin.
5. Holm Elementary School represented by Principal Kristin Cain and PBIS Coach Susan Tapparo.
6. Lakeview Day School represented by Subject Area Specialist Donna Perry and Behavior Analyst Marcia Storniolo.
7. Montclair Elementary School represented by Principal Hollie Wilkins and PBIS Coach Torey Wright.
8. Oakcrest Elementary School represented by PBIS Coach Lori Martin and PBIS Lead Teacher John Herber.
9. Ransom Middle School represented by Principal Regina Lipnick and Dean, and PBIS Coach, Stephanie Hamrac.
10. Sherwood Elementary School represented by Principal Kristen Danley and PBIS Coach Alexis Quick.
11. Warrington Middle School represented by Principal Brent Brummet and PBIS Coach Romelle Farmer.

12. Weis Elementary School represented by Behavior Coach Megan Stephenson and Behavior Coach Jenny Hurd.

13. West Pensacola Elementary School represented by Principal Christine Baker and PBIS Coach Jeremy Gibson.

A video of the highlights of the Jan. 15, 2019 Escambia County School Board meeting can be found on Facebook on the page, Escambia Schools Public Relations.

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