



MIRACLES MAKER AWARD

— Honoring Excellence in Mathematics —

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School District remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering teacher leaders and staff to drive academic excellence and build pathways to student success; and
- WHEREAS: At the Georgia Department of Education’s 2025 MathCON & Computer Science CON Awards held on June 25, 2025, six outstanding DeKalb County mathematics educators were honored with prestigious statewide awards, recognizing their exceptional contributions to mathematics education:
- Michelle Bateman**, Senior Mathematics Coordinator – Georgia Early Numeracy Award
Tiffany Dillard, Senior Mathematics Coordinator – Leadership Excellence in Mathematics Award
Dejana Ismaili, Robert Shaw Elementary – K-5 Mathematical Mindset Award
Linda Jackson, Cedar Grove High School – High-Level of Engagement with Statistical Reasoning Award
Dr. Edmar Orata, Cross Keys High School – Language Supports Trailblazer Award
Lashawn White, Wadsworth Magnet School – Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Award; and
- WHEREAS: These awards highlight the dedication and excellence of DeKalb County’s mathematics educators, who continue to inspire and lead in the field of mathematics education; and
- WHEREAS: These accolades reflect the unwavering dedication, innovation, and leadership of DeKalb County’s mathematics educators, who continue to elevate instructional practices and inspire students across the district; and
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education proudly recognize and celebrate the achievements of these six exemplary educators. Their work exemplifies the district’s mission to foster academic excellence, access and opportunity. The Board extends its deepest appreciation for their service, leadership, and continued impact on student learning. In official recognition whereof, we hereby affix our signature this 6th day of October 2025.



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