



# RECOGNITION

## National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) Ocean Guardian School

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education believes that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education enhances learning opportunities and better prepares students for success in post-secondary education and beyond; and
- WHEREAS: STEM learning is part of a well-rounded education. Science and STEM learning that engages students in solving problems through inquiry fosters the development of creative problem-solving, collaborative communication, and critical thinking skills; and empowers students to apply these abilities in real-world contexts; and
- WHEREAS: Students from Clarkston High School, Dunaire Elementary School, Freedom Middle School, Indian Creek Elementary School, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School and Salem Middle School have achieved the prestigious National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) Ocean Guardian School Distinction Award. Guided by their dedicated educators, these students developed and implemented impactful projects focused on protecting and preserving local watersheds. This honor highlights each school's deep commitment to inquiry-based learning and tackling real-world environmental challenges. Through creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, students learned valuable skills and made meaningful contributions to their communities; and
- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education is committed to developing creative and dynamic learners who demonstrate curiosity, originality, inventiveness, and innovative problem-solving to create new things; dive deeply into an issue and consider multiple perspectives when addressing problems and developing new processes; and generate questions and elaborate on ideas to identify new solutions.
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education, do hereby acknowledge and recognize the great accomplishments of the students and educators for their outstanding achievements. We commend the educators and leaders for their dedication and efforts to provide enhanced learning opportunities that successfully prepare students to solve real world problems in the post-secondary setting. In official recognition whereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 6th day of October 2025.



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