

# Press Release



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## **Murphey Middle School Named National Beta School of Distinction**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA)—The Richmond County School System and National Beta Club are proud to announce Murphey Middle School as a 2019—2020 National School of Distinction. This award is given to Beta Clubs around the world to honor academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership, and service to others.

“This distinction is important because it recognizes our students’ dedication to academic excellence, service, and leadership,” said Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Schools. “We are working hard to empower our students and prepare them for life beyond the classroom, and this status reflects the commitments of our students and staff.”

“I am excited that Murphey Middle School was recognized with this prestigious honor,” said Dr. Justin Durham, Principal of Murphey Middle School. “Our Beta Club students are spearheading the school’s culture by promoting academic achievement, exemplary character, leadership, and service among their community and peers.”

The mission of National Beta is “to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students” (National Beta Club), and the National Beta School of Distinction Award is designed to award schools that show an increase in membership for the current school year.

Award recipients received a *National Beta School of Distinction* banner to proudly display as a symbol of their accomplishment.

National Beta is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America. Since its beginnings in 1934, National Beta has been committed to providing students with a positive experience in a supportive manner in grades 4-12. The organization recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, and fosters leadership skills.

For more information about National Beta, please visit [betaclub.org](http://betaclub.org)

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