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**Six Richmond County Schools advance to Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Regional Competition**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Twenty-six teams competed virtually in the Richmond County School System Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 29.

A. Dorothy Hains Elementary, Tobacco Road Elementary, W.S. Hornsby Middle, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet (Middle School Grades), and the high school grade levels of A.R. Johnson Magnet and Davidson Fine Arts Magnet Schools are advancing to the virtual Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Regional Competition on Feb. 12. The regional competition is being hosted by Walton County School District.

To compete in the Reading Bowl, students begin reading 10-20 books in the first semester of the school year on the Georgia Book Award Nominees and the Georgia Peach Teen Book Award Nominees. Coaches on the school's teams select five team members and alternates to prepare for the district wide competition. During the district competition, students are quizzed on the books on the reading lists and the two teams with the highest score advance to the regional competition.

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