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**RCSS schools recognized as Distinguished and Reward Schools for significant academic achievement, improvement**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Three Richmond County School System schools were named on the Georgia Department of Education 2022-2023 Distinguished and Reward Schools lists released on Monday, October 2.

“These schools continue to make significant progress in advancing student achievement every year,” said Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Schools. “We commend the efforts of our teachers, administrators, and staff who collaborate to support our students as they strive for excellence the classroom.”

The Distinguished Schools designation recognizes the highest-performing Title I schools in the state, while the Reward Schools designation recognizes Title I schools making the most significant improvements. Designations are based on two Title I programs: Schoolwide Programs, designed to upgrade educational programs in Title I schools, and Targeted Assistance Programs, which support the needs of student populations that require special services.

Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School (RCTCM), C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School, and A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School were named Distinguished Schools. They are among the highest-performing 5% of Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance schools based on the combined English Language Arts (ELA) and math content mastery scores from statewide assessments taken during the 2022-23 school year.

RCTCM was also named a Reward School for being among the greatest-improving 5% of Title I Schoolwide and Title I Targeted Assistance schools based on content mastery scores from state assessments in the last two years.

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