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**DRUID HILLS CLUSTER SCHOOLS ACHIEVE BIG GAINS IN CCRPI SCORES**

The public schools making up the Druid Hills Cluster in Region 2 of DeKalb County achieved impressive gains in last month's Georgia Department of Education CCRPI scores (College and Career Ready Performance Index). The 2019 CCRPI results showed that 8 of the 9 schools in the Druid Hills Cluster improved overall score results, and all 9 schools achieved higher than average scores in multiple components vs. Georgia state averages.

"The latest CCRPI scores demonstrate how the schools in our Druid Hills Cluster continue on an upward trajectory thanks to the hard work of our dedicated teachers, principals and with the support of an active parent community. Our kids receive a high quality public education in an environment that celebrates student diversity and achievement", says Ken Schroeder, Chairman of the Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, a group of educators and parent volunteers from the Principal Advisory Councils in DeKalb County School District's Region 2.

- **Druid Hills High School** improved from a 72.0 to a 74.7 score. DHHS scored higher than the state average with an 83.7% graduation rate and in the key "Readiness" component that measures literacy, student attendance, accelerated enrollment and demonstration of college and career readiness.
- **Druid Hills Middle School** improved from 75.1 to a score of 79.0 in 2019. DHMS scored higher than the state average in "Content Mastery" that measures readiness for progressing to the next grade, as well as "Closing Gaps" where all student groups are achieving improvements, as well as a higher overall score vs. the average Georgia middle school.
- **Avondale Elementary** improved from a 67 to a score of 73 in 2019. Avondale scored higher than the state average in "Closing Gaps" and demonstrating progress in math and English Language Arts.
- **Briar Vista Elementary** improved from a 76 to an impressive 85.6 in 2019. Briar Vista scored above the state average in every category component.
- **Fernbank Elementary** improved from 69.5 to 86.1 in 2019. Fernbank scored above the state average in every category component.
- **Laurel Ridge Elementary** improved from 83.6 to 84.7 in 2019. Laurel Ridge outperformed the state average in "Content Master", "Progress" and overall "Readiness".
- **McClendon Elementary** achieved a 75.7 score in 2019 achieving higher than state average scores in "Progress" and "Closing Gaps".

- **International Community School (ICS)** which lies within the Druid Hills Cluster, saw dramatic improvements with an overall CCRPI score of 76.7, an almost 10 point improvement over the ICS 2018 score.

All Georgia public school CCRPI scores are available for viewing at

[http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/Reports/Views/Shared/\\_Layout.html](http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/Reports/Views/Shared/_Layout.html)

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