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## **ALEXANDER II RECEIVES STEM CERTIFICATION**

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(MACON, GA) – Alexander II Math and Science Magnet School was notified on Thursday, Oct. 22, that the school has received its Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Certification from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). This two-year process involves an application and series of visits to determine if the proper STEM instruction has been implemented at the school.

"Our students, staff, parents, and community partners have diligently worked together to integrate science, technology, engineering, and math to create a student-centered learning environment that echoes Bibb County School District's mission," said Principal Walsetta Miller. "We realize in addition to math and science, students need soft skills in communication, teamwork, creative thinking and adaptability. Students also need to be technology literate and able to solve problems. The incorporation of STEM instruction provides these opportunities plus so much more."

About 75 schools and programs across the state have received this certification, with Alexander II serving as the first Bibb County School District school with the distinction. The state agency bestows STEM Certification on schools that have displayed innovation, "interdisciplinary instruction" and partnerships with the community in STEM fields, according to the GaDOE website.

"This is such a huge stepping stone for our District's STEM plans," said Cherri Nix, the District's STEM Coordinator. "The Alexander II staff has demonstrated their commitment to their students through challenging problem-based learning and content integration, and the staff and students have an amazing group of community partners and parents working with them to prepare students for the 21st century workplace."

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