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CARTER ELEMENTARY REACHES LIGHTHOUSE STATUS

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(MACON, GA) – Recently, Sonny Carter Elementary School was recognized as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School by FranklinCovey. This recognition comes because the school has achieved outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing the Leader in Me process with fidelity. It is also because of the extraordinary impact the school is having on staff, students, parents and the greater community.

“We are thrilled to recognize Carter Elementary as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. Schools who achieve this Lighthouse Certification are great examples of a strong leadership model and process and of what it means to be a Leader in Me school,” said Sean Covey, President, FranklinCovey Education. “This school has experienced transformational results by implementing the principles and practices related to The Leader in Me. We are so pleased to celebrate the success they are experiencing.”

Leader in Me utilizes and integrates several leadership, social-emotional learning and educational models and processes from past and current thought leaders including The 4 Imperatives of Great Leaders and The 4 Disciplines of Execution. The process includes student participation in goal setting, data tracking, leadership roles, Student-Led Conferences, leadership environments, and Leadership Events. “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” is also a key component of the overall Leader in Me process.

“There is joy in the journey, and we are so proud of our Sonny Carter family,” said Principal Latricia Reeves. “Our Leader in Me journey has been fascinating, and we have grown so much. We will continue to shine and grow.”

Carter Elementary is the third school in the Bibb County School District to achieve Lighthouse School status. Bernd Elementary and Burdell-Hunt Magnet are also Lighthouse Schools. The District has progressively increased the number of schools employing the Leader in Me framework with the assistance of OneMacon and the Business Education Partnership. As of this year, all 33 schools are either trained in or in the process of training to use Leader in Me.

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Vision: Each student will demonstrate strength of character and will be college or career ready.

Mission: The Bibb County School District develops a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.