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Phenix City Schools has earned an A! The State of Alabama publicly released the State Report Cards for its 138 school systems, and it was all smiles at the Phenix City Schools (PCS) press conference today. Superintendent Wilkes reported that the school system improved in all primary categories which include achievement, growth, graduation rate, college and career readiness indicators, and chronic absenteeism. Wilkes also stated that the system tied with eight other systems for the eighth highest score in the state. Of the 17 system’s ranking higher, the average rate of economically disadvantaged was 31%. PCS’ rate is more than twice that amount. The PCS per pupil expenditure ranks 120th out of 138 systems, meaning that it has \$8,880 to spend on educating each student. That amount is nearly \$1,000 less than the state average.

It was a clean sweep as every school in the system improved in every primary category (38/38). Furthermore, eight out of 11 schools improved 10 or more points and nine schools improved by a letter grade. School scores are as follows:

School	Final Grade
Central High School (Gr. 10-12)	85
Central Freshman Academy (Gr. 9)	85
South Girard School (Gr. 8)	84
Phenix City Intermediate School (Gr. 6-7)	80
Lakewood Primary School (Gr. K-2)	97
Lakewood Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	97
Meadowlane Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	83
Phenix City Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	75
Ridgecrest Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	84
Sherwood Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	95
Westview Elementary School (Gr. K-5)	85
Phenix City Schools	90

The system attributes the improvement to five years of diligence by students, staff, and parents. Student ownership has been established through student achievement-goal setting. Staff members have engaged in many hours of meaningful professional learning. Innovative tools have been used to enhance curriculum and instruction. The system insists that today's classroom looks, sounds, and feels nothing like the classroom of 2014. "This accomplishment has been a total team effort," said Superintendent Wilkes. "This type of performance is now expected of our schools; it is the system's new norm."

The Alabama State Department of Education's Report Card is in compliance with the federal mandate of the Every Student Succeeds Act and includes students' achievement and growth on state-required assessments for grades three through eight and grade 11, as well as graduation rate, college and career readiness indicators, and chronic absenteeism. The State of Alabama average score is 84.

For more information, please visit www.pcboe.net/reportcard.

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