MPSD shows gains in Proficiency Rates

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August 16, 2019—Mississippi schools recently received performance percentages from the 2018-2019 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP). Meridian Public School District is among many districts in the area reviewing student and school performance data to determine areas of strength and opportunities where the district can continue to improve instructional practices to meet the needs of individual students.

“We are excited to see gains in proficiency in both ELA and Math,” said Dr. Amy Carter, MPSD Superintendent. “As a District, we saw increases across the board in 13 of 14 tested grades in both ELA and Math due to the passion and commitment of our teachers and leaders as they strived to provide quality learning experiences. We know that we must continue to stress to our students, parents, community and teachers the importance of these positive gains and their impact in the future of the students.”

When comparing the 2018 and 2019 proficiency rates, improvements were noted in the following areas:

**ELA**
- Grade 3 ELA proficiency rates improved by 3.7 percentage points
- Grade 4 ELA proficiency rates improved by 2.9 percentage points
- Grade 5 ELA proficiency rates improved by 8.5 percentage points
- Grade 7 ELA proficiency rates improved by 7.1 percentage points
- Grade 8 ELA proficiency rates improved by 1.8 percentage points
- English II proficiency rates improved by .4 percentage points

**Math**
- Grade 3 Math proficiency rates improved by 3.5 percentage points
- Grade 4 Math proficiency rates improved by 7.9 percentage points
- Grade 5 Math proficiency rates improved by 3 percentage points
- Grade 6 Math proficiency rates improved by .5 percentage points
- Grade 7 Math proficiency rates improved by 5.6 percentage points
- Grade 8 Math proficiency rates improved by 6.2 percentage points
- Algebra I proficiency rates improved by 12.8 percentage points
“We are pleased to see increases in proficiency,” said LaVonda Germany, MPSD Elementary Curriculum Director. “Each building has an Academic Coach to help guide new staff, work with teachers on instruction and work with administrators to make sure our top priority is on student learning. We are also continuing to focus on on the MS College and Career Standards and aligning resources to teach them.”

**About Meridian Public School District:** The Meridian Public School District prepares all students in a parent and community partnership to be literate, self-directed learners with the confidence and character to compete in a complex and ever-changing world. MPSD serves 5,400 students on 13 school campuses. For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.mpsdk12.net](http://www.mpsdk12.net).

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