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Parkview Elementary recognized as Model Site by REACH MS; MPSD largest district in state to have all schools recognized as Model Sites

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January 25, 2019- Being safe, responsible, and respectful are just a few of the behavioral expectations that faculty, staff, and students demonstrate every day in the Parkview Elementary School. In recognition of their hard work, they have been granted the status of being a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) "Model Site" by Realizing Excellence for all Children in Mississippi (REACH MS).

According to Selina Merrell, PBIS Coordinator for Reach MS, this accomplishment makes the Meridian Public School District the largest in the state to have all schools reach model site status.

"Being recognized as a PBIS model site is a tremendous accomplishment in that it demonstrates the commitment and hard work from staff, faculty and administration in providing the social, emotional, and behavioral supports necessary for all students to have positive outcomes," said Merrell.

The discipline administrative team from Parkview Elementary School was honored for this accomplishment by members of the MPSD Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 22, 2019.

Angela McQuarley, Parkview Elementary Principal said on being named a PBIS Model School, "The teachers and staff truly accepted the opportunity to ensure that we provide students with a nurturing environment that supports behavior and academics. The school wide expectations are visible and stated on a daily basis. Building positive relationships with our students and parents have also shifted the mindset of all practices within the classrooms."

Model Site status is awarded to schools across the state that have been evaluated using a nationally recognized process known as the School Evaluation Tool (SET) to determine the level of implementation and fidelity of PBIS. PBIS is a proactive, data based, educative process of creating discipline systems in the school community that support both staff/faculty and student behavior. Parkview is a place where



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administrators, teachers, counselors, and others can visit to learn and experience an environment that is advantageous to learning.

"We are pleased that all thirteen schools in the District have now been recognized by the state technical assistance center for creating a positive school climate where all students have the opportunity for academic and behavioral success," said Howard Hagwood, MPSD PBIS Director. "We appreciate the hard work and determination of our students, parents, teachers, and administrators."

"It has been such a privilege and honor to see our schools recognized on state-wide levels for the work that has been done to improve student discipline," said MPSD Superintendent Dr. Amy Carter. "I am so thankful that our students, parents, teachers, and administrators continue to receive recognition for these accomplishments."

About REACH MS: REACH MS, the State's Personnel Development Grant, located at the University of Southern Mississippi, provides professional development and technical assistance to schools and districts across the state. For more information about PBIS and REACH MS please visit the website at www.usm.edu/reachms.

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.

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