

Boaz City School System Receives SREB's District Leadership Award

Alabama district honored for its commitment to continuous school improvement

July 19, 2022 — Boaz City School System in Boaz, Alabama, received the Southern Regional Education Board's District Leadership Award for its commitment to creating a culture of continuous improvement, increasing math scores and giving teachers more voice. The district will be presented with the award at the 2022 Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

SREB's District Leadership Award recognizes districts that implement continuous improvement processes that help schools transform their school and classroom practices, establish and sustain change, and increase student achievement. Boaz City Schools has collaborated with SREB to implement counseling for careers and college, align its curricula, offer personalized learning and conduct needs assessments to systematically identify and solve problems of practice.

Areas identified by the district have included unfinished learning and the need for more rigorous math and teacher professional development. As remote learning became necessary due to the pandemic, teachers in the district worked together to create a repository of lessons for all teachers to use. In addition, the district's math curriculum was realigned to help students prepare for a new math pathway. Students were taken out of lower-level math courses and placed in accelerated courses. The district also used the i-Ready program and SREB's [Powerful Mathematics Instructional Practices](#) to add rigor and relevance to its math curriculum.

Data show Boaz City Schools are performing higher than most nearby school systems and above or within a percentage of the state average on the math portion of the ACAP (Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program). Personalized professional learning also soared when the district identified six focus areas and empowered teachers to choose what they wanted to learn about and work on.

The district is currently working to increase dual enrollment opportunities and establish more community and business partnerships.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org. SREB media contact: Alan.Richard@SREB.org, (404) 879-5528.