

Georgia's Meadowcreek High, Principal Tommy Welch Earn SREB "Outstanding" Awards

July 12, 2017 – Meadowcreek High School in Gwinnett County, Georgia, was honored with the Outstanding High Schools That Work Award from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 12. In addition, Principal Tommy Welch was named Outstanding HSTW Administrator.

Meadowcreek U, as the school refers to its academy, is a wall-to-wall large urban school of 3,215 students, divided into five career-themed academies. After three years of implementing the guiding principles and practices of the High Schools That Work comprehensive school reform model, it increased its graduation rate more than 20 percent, while also raising ACT and SAT average composite scores. Welch assumed leadership at Meadowcreek at a critical time and transformed the school into a collaborative environment where students and teachers shoulder responsibility for learning through strong engagement.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

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