## Camden County High Named Outstanding High Schools That Work Site

July 12, 2017 — Camden County High School in Kingsland, Georgia, was awarded the Outstanding High Schools That Work Site Award from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on July 12.

Camden County High leaders realized that a comprehensive high school, with a smaller group of teachers and leaders, can focus on smaller groups of students and glean greater outcomes. The school framed a career pathway model that accommodates all students in either its ninth-grade center or one of five career academies. After the school added smaller learning communities, graduation rates rose from 51 percent in 2000 to 90 percent in 2017.

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.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education.

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