## Rankin County Schools Wins Outstanding District Award

## Mississippi system honored for supporting teaching strategies in schools

*July 10, 2017* — Rankin County Schools in Mississippi won the Outstanding LDC-MDC District Award from the Southern Regional Education Board for the school district's implementation of the Literacy Design Collaborative and Mathematics Design Collaborative teaching frameworks. The district was honored at SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference July 10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rankin County is seeing improved student achievement in math, literacy and other disciplines through districtwide support for the research-based LDC and MDC tools and strategies. The district created positions for an LDC and MDC district leader and has provided resources such as an LDC online course, professional development time for both administration and teachers and a demo day to create a clear vision of LDC and MDC that is shared with other district and state leaders. As a result, ACT scores have increased across the district.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference brings together educators to learn and improve classroom strategies with the Literacy Design Collaborative and the Mathematics Design Collaborative frameworks. LDC and MDC have re-energized thousands of teachers by creating a collaborative environment that builds teacher confidence and student learning. SREB helps schools adopt these strategies through planning, training and coaching. The 2017 conference, the fifth annual, was held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12.

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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