## Stanly County Wins Outstanding District Award

District honored for outstanding implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics practices

July 9, 2018 — Stanly County Schools in North Carolina won the Outstanding District Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The district was honored at SREB's Sixth Annual College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference July 9 in Orlando, Florida. Danny Poplin, executive director of curriculum and instruction, accepted the award for the district.

The Outstanding District Award recognizes a school system that has revolutionized teaching and learning through SREB's powerful literacy and mathematics practices. SREB's powerful literacy practices empower teachers to build meaningful literacy-based, standards-aligned assignments and enable teachers to take ownership of their own professional growth to drive more powerful outcomes for their students. SREB's powerful mathematics practices provide teachers with instructional strategies that help them implement college- and career-readiness standards, engage students in a productive struggle, and build students' fluency of procedural skills while deepening their mathematical reasoning and understanding.

Since the beginning of implementation nearly three years ago, Stanly County has set the expectation that all teachers will utilize these powerful practices. Seven Stanly County educators have earned SREB local trainer certification for literacy or mathematics.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference has energized thousands of teachers by creating a collaborative environment that builds teacher confidence and student learning through powerful literacy and math practices.

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