

2019 LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL LEADER *Award Recipients*

Beacon Award

Criteria: Letter Grade A District

Biloxi Public School District

Board President: Gavin Schmidt
Superintendent: Arthur McMillan

Booneville School District

Board President: Tracie Langston
Superintendent: Todd English

Clinton Public School District

Board President: Matt Thomas
Superintendent: Tim Martin

DeSoto County School District

Board President: Sarah Doss-Thomas
Superintendent: Cory Uselton

Enterprise School District

Board President: Ernie Culbreth
Superintendent: Josh Perkins

Lafayette County School District

Board President: Brent Larson
Superintendent: Adam Pugh

Lamar County School District

Board President: Craig Morris
Superintendent: Tess Smith

Long Beach School District

Board President: Timothy Pierce
Superintendent: Jay Smith

Madison County School District

Board President: William Grissett
Superintendent: Kimber Halliburton

North Tippah School District

Board President: Eddie Cutrer
Superintendent: Bill Brand

Ocean Springs School District

Board President: Kacee Waters
Superintendent: Bonita Coleman

Oxford School District

Board President: Gray Edmondson
Superintendent: Brian Harvey

Pass Christian Public School District

Board President: Margaret Jean Kalif
Superintendent: Carla Evers

Petal School District

Board President: Bruce Magee
Superintendent: Matt Dillon

Pontotoc City Schools

Board President: Gary Golden
Superintendent: Michelle Bivens

Rankin County School District

Board President: Ann Sturdivant
Superintendent: Sue Townsend

Tishomingo County School District

Board President: James Perkins
Superintendent: Christie Holly

Union County School District

Board President: William Basil
Superintendent: Ken Basil

Lantern Award

Criteria: Letter Grade B District

Alcorn School District

Board President: Ricky Fields
Superintendent: Larry Mitchell

Amory School District

Board President: Marquette Rogers
Superintendent: Ken Byars

Baldwyn School District

Board President: Mary C. Smith
Superintendent: Jason McKay

Columbia School District

Board President: Marie Shepard
Superintendent: Jason Harris

Forrest County AHS

Board President: Clifford Pendarvis
Superintendent: Donna Boone

Franklin County School District

Board President: Gloria Hayes
Superintendent: Chris Kent

George County School District

Board President: Barkley Henderson
Superintendent: Pam Touchard

Greene County School District

Board President: Keith Elmore
Superintendent: Charles Breland

Grenada School District

Board President: Marjorie Hughes
Superintendent: David Daigneault

Gulfport School District

Board President: Gerald Norris
Superintendent: Glen East

Hancock County School District

Board President: Jennifer Seal
Superintendent: Alan Dedeaux

Harrison County School District

Board President: David Ladner
Superintendent: Roy Gill

Houston School District

Board President: Thomas Howell
Superintendent: Tony Cook

Itawamba County School District

Board President: Wes Pitts
Superintendent: Trae Wiygul

Jackson County School District

Board President: Kenneth Fountain
Superintendent: Barry Amacker

Jones County School District

Board President: Lester Boyles
Superintendent: Tommy Parker

Kosciusko School District

Board President: Kenneth Quick
Superintendent: Billy Ellzey

Lauderdale County School District

Board President: Barbara Jones
Superintendent: John Mark Cain

Lowndes County School District

Board President: Brian Clark
Superintendent: Lynn Wright

Monroe County School District

Board President: Linda Bickerstaff
Superintendent: Scott Cantrell

Neshoba County School District

Board President: Johnny Crenshaw
Superintendent: Lundy Brantley

Nettleton School District

Board President: James Malone
Superintendent: Brian Jernigan

New Albany Public Schools

Board President: David Rainey
Superintendent: Lance Evans

Newton County School District

Board President: Jason Cain
Superintendent: J.O. Amis

North Pike School District

Board President: Freddie Deer
Superintendent: Dennis Penton

Pascagoula-Gautier School District

Board President: Sonny Backs
Superintendent: Wayne Rodolfich

Pearl Public School District

Board President: Robert Hayes
Superintendent: Ray Morgigno

Pearl River County School District

Board President: Jeremy Weir
Superintendent: Alan Lumpkin

Pontotoc County School District

Board President: Rodney Robbins
Superintendent: Brock Puckett

Poplarville Separate School District

Board President: Tommy Strahan
Superintendent: Carl Merritt

Prentiss County School District

Board President: Ronald Kesler
Superintendent: Randle Downs

Richton School District

Board President: Paul Walley
Superintendent: James Anglin

Senatobia Municipal School District

Board President: Brant Kairit
Superintendent: Jay Foster

Smith County School District

Board President: Bill Hardin
Superintendent: Jimmy Hancock

South Panola School District

Board President: Sandra Darby
Superintendent: Tim Wilder

South Tippah School District

Board President: Wayne Jumper
Superintendent: Frank Campbell

Stone County School District

Board President: Jacob Smith
Superintendent: Inita Owen

Tupelo Public School District

Board President: Eddie Prather
Superintendent: Rob Picou

Union Public School District

Board President: Chad Brasher
Superintendent: Wayne McDill

Webster County School District

Board President: Bobby McMullan
Superintendent: Brian Jones

West Jasper Consolidated School District

Board President: Debbie Smith
Superintendent: Warren Woodrow

Winona Separate School District

Board President: Mark Middleton
Superintendent: Teresa Jackson

Torch Award

Criteria: Successful district with no school below C; 90% or greater free and reduced lunch; at least one B level school.

All districts receiving this award have free lunch rates of >=95% and reduced lunch rates of <=5%.

Aberdeen School District

(C-rated District)

Jeffrey Clay, Superintendent
James Edwards, Board President
Aberdeen High School – B
Aberdeen Elementary School – C
Belle Shivers Middle School – C

Okolona School District

(C-rated District)

Dexter Green, Superintendent
William Bailey, Board President
Okolona Elementary School – B
Okolona Middle School – B
Okolona High School – C

Picayune School District

(C-rated District)

Dean Shaw, Superintendent
Frank Ford, Board President
South Side Lower Elementary School – A
Early Head Start Nicholson – B
Early Head Start Rose Street – B
Nicholson Elementary School – B
Picayune Memorial High School – B
South Side Elementary School – B
Picayune Junior High School – C
Roseland Park Elementary School – C
West Side Elementary School – C

Pascagoula-Gautier School District

(B-rated District)

Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent
Sonny Banks, Board President
Arlington Heights Elementary School – A
Beach Elementary School – A
Cherokee Elementary School – A
Gautier Elementary School – A
Central Elementary School – B
College Park Elementary School – B
Eastlawn Elementary School – B
Gautier High School – B
Gautier Middle School – B
Jackson Elementary School – B
Lake Elementary School – B
Pascagoula High School – B
Singing River Academy – B
Martin Bluff School – C
Trent Lott Academy – C
William M. Colmer Middle School – C

Quitman County School District

(C-rated District)

Evelyn Jossell, Superintendent
Calvin Campbell, Board President
Quitman County Elementary School – A
Quitman County Middle School – C
M. S. Palmer High School – C

WHOLE BOARD AWARDS

Gavel Circle Honor Award

These criteria apply to the board-as-a-whole:

- *Minimum 12 hours for MSBA core modules*
- *No board member with fewer than 12 hours*
- *MDE District Rating – A, B, or C*
- *Adoption of MSBA governance standards*

DeSoto County School District (251 Hours)

Sarah Doss-Thomas, Board President / Cory Uselton, Superintendent

Louisville Municipal School District (247.75 Hours)

Brenda Johnson, Board President / Randy Grierson, Superintendent