



www.fultonschools.org

For Immediate Release October 30, 2018

For More Information Contact Cierra Chuly Boyd, Communications 470-254-6830 or communications@fultonschools.org

## Fulton County Schools achieves strong Climate Star ratings

The Georgia Department of Education released its annual School Climate Star ratings for all school systems in Georgia for 2018. No schools in Fulton were assigned a 1-star rating for 2018.

Most notably, the number of Fulton schools earning a 5-star rating has steadily climbed since 2015 with 45 schools in Fulton earning a 5-star rating in 2018, a 50 percent increase over the previous year's total.

School climate refers to the quality and character of school life – the "culture" of a school. A sustainable, positive school climate fosters youth development and student learning, which are essential elements for academic success, career-skill improvement and overall quality of life. The School Climate Star Rating helps determine whether a school is on the right path to school improvement.

School climate ratings are based on survey results and data from the 2017-2018 school year. Each school is rated on a 1-5 scale, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate in need of improvement.

The 2018 climate star rating for 39 schools represented an increase from the previous year. Seventy-seven percent of Fulton schools earned a 4 or 5-star rating in 2018, compared to 38 percent in 2015.

More information about the Climate Star Ratings (as well as CCRPI scores) can be found using this link: http://www.fultonschools.org/en/Documents/CCRPI 2014-2018.pdf

###

**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 school campuses in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park,