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Georgia School Superintendent presents STEM Banner to Evoline C. West Elementary ***School is first in South Fulton to earn state STEM certification***

State School Superintendent Richard Woods presented Evoline C. West Elementary School with its STEM Banner on Tuesday, officially welcoming the South Fulton school into the state's cluster of certified STEM schools. Evoline C. West Elementary is the first school in South Fulton and the fourth in the district to become state-certified in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

“Your certification is something you’ve earned and is one thing for which you will always be known, as the first STEM school in South Fulton,” said Superintendent Woods. “STEM education embodies what education should be – a school-wide initiative that takes student learning beyond the classroom.”

In addition to Mr. Woods, Fulton County School Board President Linda Bryant, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Rose and South Learning Community Area Superintendent Dr. Gyimah Whitaker welcomed parents and guests to a school-wide program to celebrate the certification and banner presentation.

Principal Jennifer Burton also congratulated her STEM team, including Assistant Principal Jill Meeker and STEM Coordinator Natasha Smith, for their hard work and commitment to working toward certification. Jayvon Perry, a fifth grader at Evoline C. West Elementary, told guests how his STEM projects have a social action component, noting that his classmates have created a response plan in the event of a natural disaster in their South Fulton community.

STEM-certified schools offer an integrated curriculum that focuses on problem solving, discovery, exploratory project/problem-based learning, and student-centered development of ideas and solutions. Schools must meet all 17 state criteria to be awarded the Georgia Department of Education STEM certification. Fulton County Schools plans to open a STEM school in Fairburn, GA in the fall of 2021.

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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 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.