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Somerset County Public Schools Celebrates Gains in School Star Ratings

WESTOVER, MD — October 28, 2026 — Somerset County Public Schools is celebrating progress in its 2025–2026 Maryland School Report Card results, with Deal Island School and Washington Academy and High School each earning an additional star. These gains reflect the continued efforts of students, educators, school leaders, and families to strengthen student achievement.

Deal Island School increased from three to four stars, showing improvement across all three indicator areas: Academic Achievement, Academic Progress, and School Quality and Student Success. This progress reflects growth in both academic performance and the broader conditions that support student success.

Washington Academy and High School advanced from two to three stars, with its greatest growth and strength demonstrated in the eighth-grade component of its School Report Card. All three indicators—Academic Achievement, Academic Progress, and School Quality and Student Success—showed improvement in that component.

Three schools maintained their previous star ratings while increasing their overall scores:

Crisfield Academy and High School maintained three stars, increasing its overall score by 0.45 percentage points from the previous year. CAHS is now 6 percentage points away from earning four stars.

Carter G. Woodson Elementary School maintained three stars, increasing its overall score by 5 percentage points from the previous year. Woodson is now 5 percentage points away from earning four stars.

Somerset Intermediate School maintained two stars, increasing its overall score by 1.86 percentage points from the previous year. SIS needs an additional 10 percentage points to earn three stars.

These improvements demonstrate that a school's star rating tells only part of its story. Growth in the underlying scores reflects progress, even when the star rating remains unchanged, and provides clear goals for continued improvement.

Greenwood Elementary School's rating moved from three stars to two stars, with results identifying a need to strengthen Academic Progress, particularly in mathematics and English language arts. Greenwood also demonstrated a positive trend in attendance, with an increase in the percentage of students who were not chronically absent. This improvement is an encouraging foundation for continued academic growth.

SCPS is working alongside Greenwood's leadership and staff, using a variety of structured supports to address these academic needs and strengthen future student outcomes. These efforts reflect the district's commitment to helping Greenwood build on its progress and improve student success.

The Maryland State Department of Education assigns schools one to five stars through the Maryland School Report Card, which considers multiple measures of academic performance and school quality. SCPS uses these results to recognize accomplishments, guide school improvement, and direct support where it is needed most.

We thank our students, staff, families, and community partners for their continued commitment to our schools. We celebrate each step forward and remain focused on helping every student succeed. Together, we remain Small but Mighty!