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Commerence High School Celebrates Record-Breaking 96.8% Graduation Rate for Class of 2025

Commerence, GA – Congratulations to the Commerence High School Class of 2025! The Tigers have reached an extraordinary milestone this year, with a record-high graduation rate of 96.8%, the highest ever reported in the school's history. Surpassing the Class of 2024 record rate of 95.28% further solidifies the commitment to academic excellence and student success across our district. Our district out paced the state and the majority of our RESA with our graduation statistics.

This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our students, teachers, staff K-12, and supportive families who work together every day to uphold the values of Commerence City Schools. Principal Will Smith attributes this success to a unified school-wide effort focused on student support, engagement, and a culture of high expectations. *“We’ve worked hard to build strong relationships, offer academic and emotional support, and push every student to reach their full potential. This graduation rate is the result of years of work by our entire school community,”* said Smith.

Superintendent Billy Kirk echoed the sentiment, noting the broader vision of the district: *“This accomplishment reflects our district-wide commitment to expecting excellence. We continue to put students first, and this success demonstrates the impact of our mission in action,”* said Kirk.

In addition to the graduation milestone, the Class of 2025 has also surpassed both state and national averages on the SAT. With a mean SAT score of 1076, CHS students performed well above the state average of 1029 and the national average of 996.

These outstanding achievements reflect the district's ongoing mission to prepare every student for college, career, and life—and are a powerful example of how the Commerence City School System continues to #ExpectExcellence in all we do. Our Best Days are Ahead!

Go Tigers!

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