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MEDIA RELEASE

TO: Media, Board Members and other Interested Parties

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RE: TVAAS Data Release

Sumner County Schools TVAAS data shows strong performance among the county's high schools, highlighting the district's commitment to rigor in math, social studies, science and English.

"Rigor is about more than just making classes harder," said Assistant Director of Instruction Scott Langford. "Rigor is really more about teaching students to learn in new and interesting ways that lead to a conceptual understanding of the material, that seems to be paying dividends for us at the high school level."

Over the past four years, Sumner County Schools has adopted a more challenging math curriculum, including a greater emphasis on Honors and AP dual enrollment options. The results are that SCS students are growing in math at a much higher average than across the state.

Over all, Sumner County Schools had 14 schools that were a level 5 in growth.

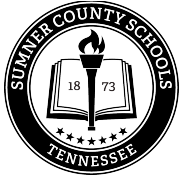
Those schools are:

- Beech Sr High School
- Gallatin Senior High School
- Hendersonville High School
- Howard Elementary
- T. W. Hunter Middle School
- Merrol Hyde Magnet School
- Lakeside Park Elementary
- Nannie Berry Elementary
- Portland High School
- Portland East Middle School
- Station Camp Elementary
- Station Camp High School
- Westmoreland High School
- White House High School

Two schools, Dr. William Burrus Elementary and Walton Ferry Elementary, scored a level 4 in growth and eleven schools were level three.

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For the first time in many years, overall Sumner County middle and elementary school growth lagged behind the state average.

“While our overall achievement scores are high, we remain committed to seeing growth in our elementary and middle school students,” Langford said. “Our team of teachers, principals and central office staff are working collaboratively to ensure we improve. Our students and teachers worked hard through a less than ideal testing environment and overcame a number of hardships.”

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