



SAVANNAH CLASSICAL ACADEMY “BEATS THE ODDS” FOR THE FIRST TIME AND RECEIVES THREE STAR RATING

SAVANNAH, GA – December 6, 2018 – Today, the Savannah Classical Academy (SCA) announces more good news as the State of Georgia unveils its ‘Beating the Odds’ schools for 2018. SCA is one of only 18 schools in the whole Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools (SCCPSS) system to have achieved this honor and it is the first time that SCA has been named as a ‘Beating the Odds’ school. SCA is a lottery enrollment, public charter school which first opened on Savannah’s east side five years ago and which has experienced significant accolades for its achievements over the last year under the leadership of Barry Lollis, Interim Director. In further good news, the Georgia Department of Education has confirmed that SCA has improved from a two-star to a three-star rating in 2018.

“Beating the Odds” illustrates how a school’s performance compares to schools with similar demographics across the state. It takes characteristics into account such as students with disabilities, percentage of students by race and ethnicity, English Language Learners, student mobility rate, grade cluster and percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged. According to the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement, Beating the Odds is a statistical analysis that provides contextual understanding of a school’s College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) based on student characteristics outside the school’s control. SCA recently announced its achievement of an overall score of 80.6 compared to a state average of 76.6 and a Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools (SCCPSS) average of 71.9.

Mr. Barry Lollis, Interim Director of SCA, said “We are delighted with our school’s achievements this year and look forward to more great things as we move into next year. These would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our teachers and students and the unwavering support of our Board of Directors.”

SCA, which is open to all students residing in Chatham County, is funded by the public education system but retains a charter that allows it to operate autonomously under a board of parents and community members. SCA will be serving Kindergarten to Grade 11 for the 2018-2019 school year and is expanding every year to develop into a K-12 school.

For more information, please visit www.savannahclassicalacademy.org.

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Editor's Notes

The Savannah Classical Academy (SCA) was founded in Chatham County in 2013 as a lottery enrollment public charter school. SCA's mission is to provide every child with a classical and academically rigorous education while instilling a commitment to civic virtue and moral character. SCA is committed to developing literate and articulate students who will become active, responsible members of the community and will make a positive contribution to society.