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**Newton County School System Announces  
Title I Distinguished Schools**

Newton County School System is pleased to announce that five schools—Heard-Mixon Elementary, Flint Hill Elementary, Rocky Plains Elementary, Livingston Elementary, and South Salem Elementary—have been recognized as 2012 Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools. Only 824 schools in the state of Georgia received such recognition.

Title I schools have a significant population of students who are economically disadvantaged and receive federal money to assist with the education of these students. Georgia Title I Distinguished Schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) at least three years in a row.

“When it comes to improving learning for significant populations of economically disadvantaged students, these NCSS schools have been consistently effective on Georgia’s CRCTs,” said Gary Mathews, Superintendent of Newton County Schools. “It is a tribute to the staff and administration of these schools, one that students and parents have been a part of and can be proud of. It’s a good day in NCSS.”

Newton County’s schools and their designated status are below:

School	Consecutive Years Making AYP	Years Distinguished
Heard-Mixon	9	7
Flint Hill (Palmer-Stone)	9	7
Rocky Plains	6	4
Livingston	3	1
South Salem	3	1

"With the academic bar increasing each year, it is not easy to continue making AYP," Georgia School Superintendent John Barge said. "These 824 schools have proven that it can be done even when there are challenges."

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