

**CLAYTON COUNTY HONORS
ELITE SCHOLARS ACADEMY
AS A 2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

- WHEREAS:** Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) is one of two Local Educational Agency (LEA) charter schools in the Clayton County school district. As a Local Educational Agency charter, Elite Scholars Academy enrolls students grades six through twelve who must adhere to rigorous academic schedules and disciplinary standards; and
- WHEREAS:** Elite Scholars Academy, a Georgia School of Excellence, has been designated as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School and is among 12 schools across Georgia to be honored; and
- WHEREAS:** The U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools by honoring them with the National Blue Ribbon Award. This program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department honors 287 public and 50 private schools and has bestowed this coveted award on just under 7,900 American schools. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content; and
- WHEREAS:** Elite Scholars Academy was recognized in the Exemplary High Performing School category. To earn this specific distinction, a school must be among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments and high school graduation rates; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is proud to honor and recognize Elite Scholars Academy for being named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate the staff and students of Elite Scholars Academy for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Elite Scholars Academy in Clayton County, Georgia as a **2014 National Blue Ribbon School**.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 21st day of October in the year two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman