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### **REACH SCHOLARS TO BE CELEBRATED WITH SIGNING DAY**

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(MACON, GA) – The Bibb County School District will honor its latest class of REACH Scholars with a Signing Day on Wednesday, December 13, at 1 p.m. This event will take place at the W.S. Hutchings College & Career Academy, located at 1780 Anthony Road, and members of the media are invited to attend.

The latest class of scholars includes the following students: Lamario Scott (Appling Middle), Savada Jones (Ballard-Hudson Middle), Khilee Mann (Howard Middle), Jabrea Williams (Miller Middle), Annabelle Ellison (Rutland Middle) and Cristian Perez (Weaver Middle). These students will be joined at the celebration by parents, administrators and the principals or counselors from their zoned high school.

In 2016, the Bibb County School District was one of numerous school districts in Georgia to join the REACH Scholarship Program. The REACH Scholarship Program was launched in 2012 and is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students, starting in middle school, to persist in their educational pursuits. Students are provided with the academic, social and financial support needed to graduate from high school, attend college, achieve post-secondary success and be prepared for the 21st century workforce.

The REACH Foundation provides 75 percent of the funding for the scholarships and local school districts must raise the remainder. This means that upon their graduation from a Bibb County high school, each REACH Scholar will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for college. Some partnering colleges and universities in Georgia will even match or double-match this amount for REACH Scholars.

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