



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today is a celebration for Benjamin E. Mays High School and the entire Atlanta Public Schools district.

I am ecstatic to announce that the Georgia Department of Education released the annual graduation rates for public schools in the State of Georgia. If there is a single benchmark that solidifies the progress of educators, it is this one.

Our aMAYSing school has the highest growth for graduation rate in the district. We graduated 249 students in Cohort 2022 with a graduation rate of 84.1 percent. That is a 13% increase from 71.1% in 2021 and 78.2 % in 2020.

Please note that this data only includes those students who graduated on time within four years and with their original cohort, encompassing those who completed coursework over the summer. Students who took longer to graduate are omitted.

Walt Disney stated, “Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.” A special thanks to Dr. Moore, Senior Academy Assistant Principal, and her team for their fantastic work. We also recognize, this feat required the entire school—including teachers, staff, parents, students, and the community. We are always stronger when we work together.

Accolades for having the audacity to believe it could be done and then achieve it. This accomplishment is only the beginning. The only way is up from here. Let us continue to walk in the spirit of excellence and the “Culture of We.”

I am always available to discuss our graduation rates and other matters of importance to you. Do not hesitate to take advantage of our open-door policy.

Your Proud Principal,

*Dr. Mulanta Wilkins*

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