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**WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS EARNS SYSTEM LEVEL COMPOSITE TVAAS  
SCORE OF 5**

Washington County Schools is pleased to share its 2016-2017 Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) scores with our community. It is important to note that TVAAS measures the impact school districts, schools and teachers have on their students' academic progress. TVAAS measures student academic growth, not whether the student is proficient on the state assessment. TVAAS also helps educators identify best practices and implement programs that best meet the needs of their students, as well as make informed decisions about where to focus resources to ensure growth opportunities for all students.

Washington County Schools earned a System-level Composite score of 5, which means that our students are making substantially more progress than the average school system. The state of Tennessee has been gathering growth data on public schools in excess of 30 years. Therefore, this is a landmark event in the history of public education in Washington County. Beyond our Composite score of 5, Washington County Schools also scored 5's in the individual areas of Literacy, Numeracy, and combined Literacy and Numeracy. To generate this System-Level score, all individual schools in Washington County produced similar TVAAS scores to the district's individual area scores. After receiving such good news and reviewing the TVAAS scores, Kimber Halliburton, who has just completed her first year as Director of Schools in Washington County stated, "While these TVAAS scores are but one measure of our students' success, I am thankful to all of our fantastic administrators and teachers, as well as all of our awesome, hard-working students for their dedication and effort!"