Shelby County Schools’ High School Graduation Rates Increased in 2015
Student Graduation Rates Rose Slightly After Demerger

Memphis, Tennessee – During a press conference today at Hollis F. Price Middle College High School, located on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, Shelby County Schools’ leaders announced that the District’s overall high school graduation rate rose in 2015.

The 2014 graduation rate in the merged District was 74.6 percent, while the 2015 graduation rate was 75 percent, following the demerger in which many suburban schools with traditionally high graduation rates left the District.

Shelby County Schools’ 2015 graduation rate of 75 percent exceeded the expectations of the first year goal of Destination 2025, the District’s initiative to graduate students on time and ready for post-secondary opportunities.

Hollis F. Price Middle College High School at LeMoyne-Owen College and Middle College High School at CBU each had a 100 percent graduation rate, and 20 current SCS high schools had graduation rates over 80 percent.

“All of us at Shelby County Schools are proud of the progress we’ve made,” said Superintendent Dorsey Hopson. “We will continue to work diligently, doing our best each day to provide all of our students with the tools and resources necessary to ensure their continued growth. “

Several schools saw double-digit growth in their graduation rates from 2014-2015, including Douglass High with a 17.2 percent increase, Trezevant High with a 16.3 percent increase, Carver High with a 10.7% increase, and Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering with a 10.3% increase. Graduation rates also increased for male and female students and all racial subgroups.

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