

STUDENTS ACHIEVE DRAMATIC GAINS IN KINDERGARTEN READINESS AT BEN HILL COUNTY SCHOOLS



DEMOGRAPHICS

95%+ Free/Reduced

47% Minority

53% White

- <mark>1%</mark> Multi

Ben Hill County Schools, a recipient of the Georgia Striving Readers Grant, is receiving positive acclaim from grant officers for its transformative, countywide PreK-3rd grade reading initiative, "**Cane Readers**, *powered by Footsteps2Brilliance*."

In less than 5 months, students have achieved an average 237% improvement across all 8 measures of the PALS reading assessment.

"This improvement in foundational literacy means we are shifting our curriculum plans to cater to increasingly on- and above-grade-level reading students!"

Dr. Haralson, Superintendent, Ben Hill County Schools









40%

Black

6% Hispanic

2019 PALS PROFICIENCY RESULTS

