

Striving Readers Schools are Beating the Odds

There are many instances of districts and schools who are beating the odds. Here are a few highlights:

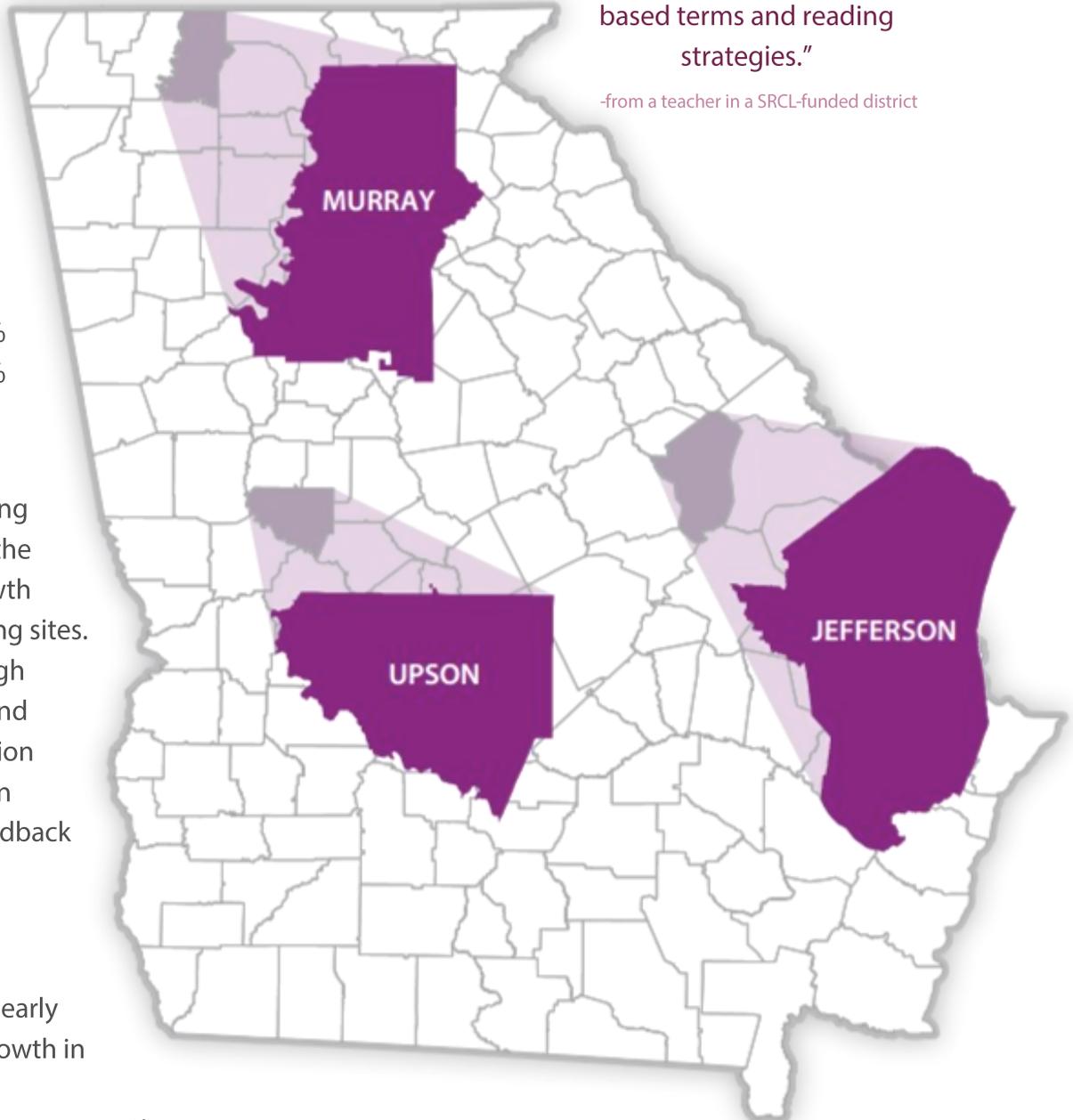
- ◆ **Murray County** middle schools have exceeded literacy growth expectations. Across three middle schools, 75% of students met or exceeded growth expectations from the fall to the spring in 2014-2015. There was also a dramatic increase of students reading at grade level, from 29% in spring 2014 to 44% in spring 2015.

- ◆ **Thomaston-Upson County's** early learning project experienced the greatest level of growth across all early learning sites. Teachers reported high levels of leadership and continuity of instruction with a strong focus on using assessment feedback and offering tiered supports.

- ◆ **Jefferson County** elementary schools nearly doubled students' growth in reading fluency and comprehension for two consecutive years, drastically improving the numbers of students reading at grade level. Prior to SRCL initiatives, only 20% of children were comprehending at grade level. Two years later, 46% are comprehending at grade level.

[Success involved] **integrating reading and writing across the curriculum...and consistency and expectation of using similar terminology, especially with evidence-based terms and reading strategies."**

-from a teacher in a SRCL-funded district



100%

Elementary schools receiving Striving Readers funds that saw an increase in **children performing at grade level in reading comprehension** from 2014 to 2016