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Counseling recognition for Radloff MS and Collins Hill HS

The counseling programs at Gwinnett’s Radloff Middle and Collins Hill High both have earned the American School Counselor Association’s (ASCA) “Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Designation.” The RAMP designation, awarded to schools that are aligned with the criteria set in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

“A comprehensive school counseling program has one main purpose-- to meet the needs of all students by removing the barriers to academic success,” explains Dianne Thompson, the school district’s director of advisement and counseling. “The removal of barriers is how counselors help students put together the essential pieces for success through the direct services they offer students, parents, and staff.”

The two Gwinnett schools join a select group of only 250 other schools from across the country that have received the national recognition since the program’s inception in 2004. Two other Gwinnett schools – Berkeley Lake Elementary and Peachtree Elementary -- earned the distinction in 2008.

The counseling teams at both schools were selected for the honor by a panel of school counseling professionals. The schools’ RAMP designation is valid for three years. They will be formally honored during ASCA’s annual conference which this year takes place in July in Boston.

The American School Counselor Association is a worldwide nonprofit organization which supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social, and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

For more information or about the counselor’s role in GCPS, contact Dianne Thompson, director of advisement and counseling, at 770-277-4488, or visit www.schoolcounselor.org

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