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Six Gwinnett educators complete national program

Six Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) educators have completed the National Staff Development Council's (NSDC) Academy for Staff Developers, a prestigious learning experience aimed at improving the quality of teaching and learning in schools. The Gwinnett leaders were recently honored in graduation ceremonies during NSDC's Annual Conference and now join other educators from across the nation who have completed the extended 2½-year learning experience.

This year's Gwinnett graduates are:

- **Donna Alexander**, coordinator, TEACH Gwinnett , Instructional Support Center
- **Paula Cobb**, principal, Corley Elementary
- **Felicia Jones**, assistant principal, Berkmar Middle
- **Nikki Mouton**, executive director, staff development, Instructional Support Center
- **Nicole Tubbs**, assistant principal, Peachtree Ridge High
- **Kenney Wells**, principal, Berkmar Middle

These six Gwinnett education leaders worked collaboratively with other educators from across the nation to learn about and solve significant student learning challenges within their school, district, or organization. Participants are immersed in inquiry-based and problem-based learning in order to identify solutions to the challenges they and others bring; experience a model of professional learning that exemplifies NSDC's Standards for Staff Development; and construct knowledge and develop skills necessary to transform their learning, their work, and their organizations.

Academy members include district administrators, principals, teachers, and personnel from local, state, and national educational agencies, as well as university faculty, independent staff development providers, and leaders from nonprofit educational organizations.

For more information about the Academy visit NSDC's web site, www.nsd.org, or contact 303-432-0958 or joellen.killion@nsdc.org

To speak with Gwinnett's participants, contact the Department of Communication and Media Relations by calling 678-301-6020.

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