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DOE names Level Creek ES a “Georgia School of Excellence”

Recognizing the progress its students have made, the Georgia Department of Education announced today that **Level Creek Elementary** is a 2011 Georgia School of Excellence. As such, the Gwinnett school is recognized as being among the state’s top schools for the work its teachers and community have done to improve student achievement. In congratulating the 26 schools recognized this year, **State Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Barge** said, “These schools are showing that excellence can be achieved when they focus on providing a world-class education for their students.”

The Georgia Schools of Excellence awards are granted in two categories, with one school from each congressional district chosen in the following categories:

- **Greatest Gains:** Schools that demonstrate greatest continuous gains in student achievement for the past three years in reading and mathematics.
- **Top 10%:** Schools that are in the top 10% of schools in Georgia as measured by assessments in reading and mathematics.

Level Creek Elementary earned recognition in the “Greatest Gains” category.

“I am ecstatic that the hard work and dedication of the Level Creek Elementary teachers and support staff are being recognized and appreciated,” says **Dr. Nancy Kiel**, principal of Level Creek Elementary. “It takes a team effort to make a difference... we do that here one child at a time, helping all our students achieve their personal best.” In addition to praising her staff, Dr. Kiel is quick to recognize the rest of the schools in the North Gwinnett Cluster and their collaborative work to increase student achievement. She also expresses her appreciation for the support Level Creek Elementary students receive from the school’s business partners and the community as whole.

Level Creek Elementary joins a growing list of Gwinnett schools which have been recognized as Georgia Schools of Excellence. Last school year, Simpson Elementary and Parkview High were presented with the honor.

This year’s Georgia Schools of Excellence will receive a \$1,000 monetary award from Georgia Natural Gas. Level Creek Elementary plans to use the grant for teacher staff development opportunities. United Healthcare also serves as a sponsor for the state program.

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