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King Elementary earns national recognition

Clayton County school named National Title I Distinguished School

JONESBORO – Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in College Park has earned recognition as a National Title I Distinguished School. The honor was made public at a State Board of Education meeting earlier this month.

King Elementary received the award for outstanding performance in one of two categories:

- Schools that exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two or more years
- Schools that significantly closed the Achievement gap between student groups

Only one school per state can be named in each category. King ES is only one of two Georgia schools to be so honored in 2010.

“We are so excited to have earned this honor,” said Dr. Mabelle Matthews, principal of King Elementary. “Our success has been built through meaningful contributions by our students and their parents/guardians, our staff members, and our community partners.”

“I applaud the King Elementary family for this tremendous recognition,” said Superintendent Edmond T. Heatley. “Being named a National Title I Distinguished School validates the commitment to academic excellence being exhibited daily by the school’s students and staff members.”

“This national designation is truly indicative of the great things that are happening in our district,” he added.

In addition to being formally recognized at the 2011 National Title I Conference (held in Tampa, Fla. this February), the school will receive the following:

- A National Title I Distinguished School certificate
- A National Title I Distinguished School banner
- Inclusion in national press releases concerning this program
- A DVD featuring a slide show of all 2010 Distinguished Schools
- A commemorative book highlighting the National Title I Distinguished Schools

The recognition is sponsored by the National Title I Association, a national association of state Title I directors.