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Morrow Elementary goes platinum!

CCPS schools recognized for greatest gains in student achievement

JONESBORO – Morrow Elementary School has gone platinum! Having achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for ten years, the school has now been named a Distinguished School with a platinum level award for making the greatest gains in students meeting or exceeding standards.

Five other district schools are recognized by the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) as Distinguished Schools with bronze level awards. These schools are Anderson Elementary, Fountain Elementary, Lee Street Elementary, Lovejoy High School, and Mount Zion Elementary School.

“Our schools continue to prove that excellence in education is achievable and sustainable in this district,” said Superintendent Dr. Edmond Heatley. “With the support of our parents and community partners, we pledge to work towards achieving this kind of distinction for all of our schools.”

Awards are based on the results of the most recent two years of standardized tests (Criterion Referenced Competency Test or Georgia High School Graduation Test) in core subjects for full academic year students. Platinum awards are given to schools whose gains meet the highest ranking in a formula established by the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement.

About the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement

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