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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE TITLE I DIRECTORS HONORS
DISTINGUISHED TITLE I SCHOOLS**

The National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID) announces its annual Distinguished Title I School Recognition Program winners at The 2007 Conference, "Avenues to Excellence," January 27 – 30 in Long Beach, CA. These highlighted schools have demonstrated significant sustained academic improvement in spite of having a 35 percent or higher poverty rate. Their profiles are shared in an online publication on the NASTID website: "Avenues to Excellence, 2007 National Title I Conference Distinguished Schools."

The 64 awarded schools (from year 2006) representing 36 states will be honored at the General Session from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm on Saturday, January 27th at the Long Beach Convention Center. These academically outstanding schools have risen above obstacles of poverty with the help of the Title I program. They were selected for outstanding results in one of two categories: 1- Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years or, 2- Closing the achievement gap between student groups.

Title I Distinguished Schools, against all odds, hold their students to high standards and take seriously their charge to improve children's learning. The selected schools are an example to other Title I schools of approaches, programs, and creative education techniques that work.

For instance, Amistad Academy in New Haven, CT, a public charter school serving 5th through 8th graders, receives its new class of 5th graders generally scoring at least two years below grade level. Ninety-eight percent are African American or Latino and 84 percent are impoverished. By 8th grade these same students achieve on par with students from some of Connecticut's most affluent suburban communities, including Greenwich and Westport. Literacy is the core of the curriculum with a three-hour morning block dedicated to reading. The block incorporates decoding, literary analysis, fluency, and critical reading. Yale graduate students tutor those in need of additional instruction. Parents sign daily logs showing that each student reads independently at home for at least 20 minutes. The school day is extended: students arrive at 7:30 am and stay until 5 pm. A mandatory three-week summer program alleviates summer brain-drain. The school has been so successful that it is expanding to include K-12.

Greenway Elementary School in Bisbee, AZ has been steadily shrinking its achievement gap. Fifty percent of its students are Hispanic and 66 percent of the total student body is impoverished. Yet 91 percent of Greenway's Hispanic students met or exceeded the state standards in reading. (Statewide, only 68 percent of Hispanic students met or exceeded the Arizona standards.) Strong alignment of Greenway Elementary School's curriculum to standards, careful data analysis, extra support for underachieving students, programs to increase parental involvement, and collaborative time for teachers – along with targeted teaching and professional development – yields improved learning.

Title I is the largest federal-aid program in K-12 education. Since 1996, the National Association of State Title I Directors has selected examples of superior Title I school programs for recognition. These Distinguished Schools join hundreds of others honored since the recognition program began.

The Title I program has served over 150 million children in need of extra academic support in reading, writing, and math since 1965. At its core, Title I is a reading and mathematics program. But these distinguished schools go beyond that mandate. They work to improve citizenship, character, enjoyment of the arts, and community spirit. They also know the importance of making the school a hospitable hub of the community. Many students served by Title I go on to be the first in their families to graduate high school and college. Some—whose backgrounds include migrant farm work, non-English speaking homes, and extreme poverty—have become teachers, military officers, computer experts, and engineers.

The Distinguished Schools demonstrate strengths in the following areas:

- opportunity for all children to meet proficient/advanced levels of performance,
- strong professional development,
- coordination with other programs,
- curriculum and instruction to support achievement of high standards, and
- partnerships among schools, parents and communities.

Each school also submits the last three years of achievement data, has State representatives visit their school for evaluation, and creates a one-page school description. Contact these schools directly for additional information. (See attached list.)

Please contact A+events (800-256-6452 or TitleI@aplusevents.com) to make reservations for the January 2007 conference.

Title I Distinguished Schools 2006

Alabama

Huxford Elementary School
Betty Warren
673 Huxford Road
Huxford, AL 36543
251-294-5475

Evergreen Elementary School
Joey Varner
609 Belleville Street
Evergreen, AL 36401
251-578-2576

Arizona

First Avenue Elementary School
Elizabeth Dorgan
914 First Avenue N.
San Manuel, AZ 85631
520-385-4341

Greenway Elementary School
John Taylor
100 Old Douglas Road
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-4361

California

Manchester Gate School
Russell Painter
2305 East Dakota Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726
559-248-7220

KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy
Kelly Wright
1475 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Colorado

Sunnyside Elementary School
Victor Figueroa
75 C.R. 218
Durango, CO 81303
970-259-5249

Shanner Elementary School
Randal Weigum
P.O. Box 608
Holly, CO 81407
719-537-6662

Connecticut

Amistad Academy
Matt Taylor
407 James St
New Haven, CT 06513
203-773-0390

Delaware

Etta J. Wilson Elementary School
Rolando Toccafondi
14 Forge Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19711
302-454-2180

McVey Elementary School
Susan Zigler
908 Janice Drive
Newark, DE 19713
302-454-2145

District of Columbia

Langdon Elementary School
Barbara Campbell
1900 Evarts St. NE
Washington, DC 20018
202-576-6048

Indiana

Fox Hill Elementary School
Randal Miller
802 Fox Hill Drive
Indianapolis, IN
317-259-5371

Leesburg Elementary School
Marv Marino
#1 Church St.
Leesburg IN 46538
574-453-4121

Kansas

Westwood Elementary School
Shelley Hoyle Kite
1600 N. Eisenhower
Junction City, KS
785-717-4150

Georgia Matthews Elementary School
Carma Harman
111 Johnson St.
Garden City, KS 67846
620-276-5255

Kentucky

Mason County Intermediate School
Matthew Stanfield
720 Clarks Run Road
Maysville, KY 41056
606-759-2000

Pineville High School
Paula Goodin
4012 Virginia St.
Pineville, KY 40977
606-337-2361

Louisiana

Forest Hill Elementary School
Nancy Rials
15 Highway 497 S.
Forest Hill, LA 71430
318-748-6844

South Thibodaux Elementary School
Diane Smith
200 Iris St.
Thibodaux, LA 70301
985-446-8471

Maine

Lura Libby School
Beth Chamberlain
13 Valley St.
Thomaston, ME 04861
207-354-6464

Maryland

George Washington Elementary School #022

Susan Burgess
800 Scott Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-396-1445

Graceland Park O'Donnell Heights
Elementary School 27

R. Wayne Law
6300 O'Donnell St.
Baltimore, MD 21224
410-396-9082

Michigan

Rogers Lane Elementary School

Kevin Murphy
2929 Rogers Lane
Wyoming, MI 49509
616-530-7516

Lowrey Elementary School

Samir Makki
6601 Jonathon
Dearborn, MI 48126
313-827-1800

Minnesota

Kennedy Elementary School

Greg Stoffel
2600 E. Main St.
Mankato, MN 56001
507-387-2122

Prosperity Heights Elementary School

Sharon Freeman
1305 Prosperity Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106
651-293-8695

Missouri

Jefferson C-123 Elementary School

Jane Walter
37614 US Hwy 136
Conception Junction, MO 64434
660-944-2417

Montana

Box Elder Elementary School

Dave Nelson
Box 205
Box Elder, MT 59521
406-352-3222

Harlem High School

Terry Bolen
PO Box 339
Harlem, MT 59526
406-353-2287

Nebraska

Jefferson Elementary School

Kimberly Lidgett
4065 Vinton St.

Omaha, NE 68105
402-554-6590

Nevada

David E. Norman Elementary School
Joseph Collins
1001 E. 11th
Ely, NV 89301
775-289-4846

Roy W. Martin Middle School
Regina Adams
2800 E. Stewart Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89101
775-799-7922

New Jersey

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Paul Bambrick-Santoyo
10 Washington Place
Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-0101

Roberto Clemente Elementary School
Lourdes Rodriguez
434 Rosa Parks Blvd
Paterson, NJ 07501
973-321-0340

New York

Cecil H. Parker Elementary School
Patricia Clayton-Meed
461 South 6th Ave
Nt. Vernon, NY 10550
914-665-5040

PS/MS 127 Aerospace and Science Academy
Chayvonne Harper
98-01 25th Ave.
Elmhurst, NY 11369
718-446-4700

North Carolina

Eastover-Central School of Arts
Ronald Parker
5174 Dunn Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28311
910-483-8997

A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School
Muriel Summers
2001 Lorimer Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27606
919-233-4300

North Dakota

Winship Elementary School
Gail Kalenze
1412 5th Ave. N.
Grand Forks, ND 58203
701-746-2325

Ohio

Leipsic Elementary School
Richard Bryan

232 Oak St.
Leipsic, OH 45856
419-943-2165
Genoa Elementary School
Diane Kittelberger
519 Genoa Road SW
Massillon, OH 44646
330-478-6171

Oklahoma

Washington Elementary School
Janell Trimble
1930 B. St. NE
Miami, OK 74354
918-542-3394
John Burroughs Elementary School
Katrina McDaniel
1924 N. Cincinnati Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74106
918-833-8780

Oregon

Gilbert Heights Elementary School
Kevin Fordney
12839 SE Holgate Blvd.
Portland, OR 97236
503-256-6502

Pennsylvania

Hamilton Disston Elementary School
Roberta Besden
6801 Cottage St.
Philadelphia, PA 19135
215-335-5661
John Welsh School
LaVerne Wiley
2331 N. 4th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133
215-291-4708

Rhode Island

Old County Road School
Jill Barnhardt
200 Old County Road
Smithfield, RI 02917
401-231-6613
Vartan Gregorian Elementary School
Anthony DeAngelis
455 Wickenden St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-456-9377

South Dakota

Hitchcock-Tulare Elementary School
Scott Pudwill
234 Palm St.
Hitchcock, SD
605-266-2151

Tennessee

Smyrna Primary School

Gale Vogel
200 Walnut St.
Smyrna, TN 37167
615-904-6720
East Lincoln Elementary School
Jane Fisher
700 East Lincoln St.
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-454-2613

Texas

DeBakey High School for Health Professions
Charlesetta Deason
3100 Shenandoah
Houston, TX 77021
713-741-2410
Fred H. Tally Elementary School
Buck Thompson
1840 Goat Creek Parkway
Kerrville, TX 78028
830-257-2222

Utah

Enoch Elementary School
Lenora Roundy
4701 Wagonwheel Drive
Enoch, UT 84720
435-586-2855
Monroe Elementary School
Launa Lee Harvey
4450 West 3100 South
West Valley City, UT 84120
801-646-4918

Virginia

Harrowgate Elementary School
Linda Wood
15501 Harrowgate Road
Chester, VA 23831
804-520-6015
Appomattox Elementary School
Annette Bennett
176 Kids' Place
Appomattox, VA 24522
434-352-7463

Washington

Cooper Elementary School
Mike Cosgrove
3200 N. Ferrall St.
Spokane, WA 99217
509-354-2500
Shaw Middle School
Christine Lynch
4106 N. Cook St.
Spokane, WA 99207
509-354-5800

West Virginia

Hugh Dingess Elementary School

Sammy Dalton
Rt. 1 Box 607
Harts, WV 25524
304-855-3585

Mullens Elementary School
Carolyn Wilcox
2107 Caloric Road
Mullens, WV 25882
304-294-5252

Wyoming

Osmond Elementary School
Kelly Tolman
3120 State Hwy 241
Afton, WY 83110
307-885-9457

South Side Elementary School
Joe Bishop
1229 Howell Ave
Worland, WY 82401
307-347-4298