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Dr. Jolie Hardin Named a 2010 Georgia Distinguished Principal Represents District 11 at State Level



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Dr. Jolie Hardin, Matt Arthur Elementary** School Principal, has been selected as the **2010 Georgia Distinguished Principal** for District 11. Each year the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP) identifies exemplary school leaders in 16 districts through the Georgia Distinguished Principal (GDP) program. One principal from each district is chosen by their peers to represent their district at the state level.

Principal Hardin commented, “I am humbled by this award. Knowing the quality of principals in District 11, I am extremely honored by their recognition. I work with a highly talented faculty and staff who help make my job very enjoyable and rewarding. The dedication of our teachers, along with the support from our Board of Education and central office staff, are as much of a factor in school success as the hard work principals put forth. I could never accept such an award without recognizing their efforts as well.”

According to the GAESP guidelines, to be eligible for the award, a principal must:

- be a principal for at least five years and must be an active principal the year the award is received;
- an active member of GAESP and NAESP for a minimum of two consecutive years, including the current year;
- respected by students, colleagues, parents, and the community at large;
- demonstrate commitment and service to the community;
- exhibit strong leadership skills and high expectations;
- demonstrate outstanding contributions to the well-being of the educational community; and
- show commitment to excellence by offering programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of students and staff.

Dr. Hardin may be contacted at either (478) 988-6170 or Jolie.Hardin@hcbe.net. For more information about the GDP award, please contact Hal Beaver, GAESP Executive Director, in Flowery Branch, Ga. at (770) 967-2050 or hbeaver@gael.org.

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