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Shirley Hills Presented National Blue Ribbon Award by State Supt.

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge will recognize Shirley Hills Elementary School during a school-wide assembly on **Oct. 11, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.** Shirley Hills Elementary was selected as a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. After Dr. Barge makes remarks, he will present a Blue Ribbon Award to Principal Dr. Traci Jackson.

The State Superintendent will arrive by helicopter at 1:00 p.m. and be escorted to the assembly. After opening remarks by Dr. Jackson and brief comments by Superintendent Dr. Robin Hines, Dr. Barge will speak and make the presentation. A reception will be held after the program.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a Department of Education (DOE) effort to identify and share school leadership and teaching best practices. The DOE has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals since 1982.

Shirley Hills Elementary is located at 300 Mary Lane in Warner Robins. Dr. Jackson may be reached at 478-929-7824 or Traci.Jackson@hcbe.net.

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