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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida School District Superintendents
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FROM: Commissioner Eric J. Smith

DATE: November 30, 2010

SUBJECT: **2010-2011 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award Finalist Announcements**

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education, I would like to thank those of you who participated by nominating a candidate for the 2010-2011 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and the 2010-2011 Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award. We honor this elite group of school administrators who are recognized for their exemplary contributions to Florida's students, schools, and communities. Through their innovative leadership and dedication to academic excellence, Florida's schools have increased student performance and established safe learning environments for our children.

The task of identifying state finalists in each category from the extraordinary nominees submitted was very challenging. The nominees were judged on their accomplishments in increasing student performance levels, establishing community partnerships and parental involvement, providing assistance for at-risk and special needs students, and developing

innovative strategies that have had a positive impact on the school and learning environment. The selection committee included district administrators, principals, assistant principals, parents and teachers from around the state.

The state winners will be announced at the Commissioner's Summit for Principals in January. This is our venue to honor all outstanding nominees, provide networking opportunities and discuss educational issues of great importance in our state. We are proud to announce the finalists listed on the following page.

Once again, thank you for your continued participation in this important recognition program. If you have any questions regarding our programs or the upcoming event, please feel free to contact Bonita Hampton at (850) 245-0544 or via e-mail at Bonita.Hampton@fldoe.org.

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2010-2011 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership Finalists

District	Name	School	City
Broward	James Griffin	**Formerly:** Rock Island Elementary School **Currently:** Lauderhill Lakes Middle School	Fort Lauderdale
Santa Rosa	Stephen Shell	**Formerly**: Hobbs Middle School **Currently:** Pace High School	Milton
Seminole	Michelle Morrison	Winter Springs Elementary School	Winter Springs

2010-2011 Outstanding Assistant Achievement Principal Finalists

District	Name	School	City
Brevard	Claudia Shirley	West Shore Junior/Senior High School	Melbourne
Osceola	Matthew Phillips	**Formerly:** Neptune Elementary School **Currently:** Cypress Elementary School	St. Cloud
St. Johns	Emily Harrison	Fruit Cove Middle School	St. Augustine