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Press Release

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Secondary Principals

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Middle Level
Principals

Nine South Carolina Schools Selected as Finalists for Palmetto's Finest Awards

Elementary Principals

Columbia, SC — Nine schools from around the state have been selected as finalists for the 2019 Palmetto's Finest Awards. This selection comes after extensive evaluations by a committee of fellow educators and previous Palmetto's Finest winners. The application process includes elements on student achievement, instructional programs, professional learning communities, and school culture.

Career and Technical
Education Directors

Adult Education
Directors

Last fall, 18 South Carolina schools submitted a 20-page application followed by an onsite examination visit from a review committee. The nine finalists are currently undergoing a second onsite evaluation before the winners are selected this spring.

District Personnel
Administrators

Each school will have the opportunity to celebrate with their local community, as the winners will be announced through a live stream to each finalist school at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Education Specialist
Administrators

The nine finalists are as follows:

Instructional Leaders

Mount Holly Elementary School, York School District 3 (Rock Hill)
River Springs Elementary School, Lexington-Richland School District 5
Waccamaw Intermediate School, Georgetown County Schools
Kelly Mill Med Pro Magnet School, Richland School District 2
Mid-Carolina Middle School, Newberry County Schools
Nation Ford High School, York School District 4 (Fort Mill)
River Bluff High School, Lexington School District 1
Blythe Academy of Languages, Greenville County Schools
Spring Hill High School, Lexington-Richland School District 5

Higher Education
Deans

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) presents the awards each year to schools which offer the best in innovative, effective educational programs. The Palmetto's Finest Award is celebrating its 41st year and is one of the most coveted and respected awards among educators.

"We are excited to recognize some of the outstanding and innovative schools in our state. They represent the many excellent school communities serving South Carolina's families," said Beth Phibbs, SCASA Executive Director.

SCASA, the professional organization for school leaders in South Carolina, has more than 4,300 members. From professional development opportunities and research, to publications and legislative advocacy, SCASA's focus is to support school leaders in providing the best possible education for South Carolina's young people.

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