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Four Tennessee Title I Schools Honored for Academic Achievement

Nashville, TN – Four Tennessee Title I schools have been named 2010 Title I Distinguished Schools for exceptional student performance overall, or for significantly closing the achievement gap between student groups. Title I is a distinction given to schools that serve a large percentage of students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

All schools provide students the opportunity to achieve at high levels, strong professional development, coordination with other programs and partnerships with parents and the community.

“These schools prove that the ability to achieve is not hindered by socioeconomic status,” Education Commissioner Timothy Webb said. “I want to congratulate each school for setting the bar high. This is a well-deserved honor.”

The following schools are Title I Distinguished Schools:

National Winners	State Winners
Hobgood Elementary Closing the Achievement Gap Murfreesboro City Schools Barbara Scales, Principal	Bradford Elementary Exceptional Student Performance Bradford City Schools Larry McCartney, Principal
East Ridge Elementary Exceptional Student Performance Hamilton County Schools Sharon Watts, Principal	Keplar Elementary Closing the Achievement Gap Hawkins County Schools Sandra Williams, Principal

“These schools set high expectations for students and give them the necessary tools and resources to reach those goals,” said Dr. Julie McCargar, Executive Director of Federal Programs. “These schools will serve as a model for the nation of what works so more students can benefit.”

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