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Outstanding Staff and Students Recognized by the Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education

Florissant, Mo., April 14 – The Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education will take time to honor the accomplishments of staff and students at its **7 p.m. monthly board meeting on Wednesday, April 14**. Honorees' names will be read, and they will be applauded as they walk forward to receive certificates of appreciation and pats-on-the back from board members.

Superintendent of Schools Jeff Spiegel said he believes the recognitions are a good reminder to the board and district as a whole about the reason they exist – to serve students. He added, “It also gives us an opportunity to smile before we address routine board business.” Please see the following list of board recognitions:

FFSD Coordinator Invited as Distinguished Delegate to Global Forum. The board lauds Laura Beckmann, physical education, health and wellness curriculum coordinator, who is one of more than 70 “Distinguished Delegates” (educators, health professionals, administrators and policymakers) from 30 countries invited to the Global Forum for Physical Education and Pedagogy 2010. The May 13 and 14th event will be held in Grundy, Iowa. The theme is “Revitalizing Health and Physical Education Through Technology.” Its focus is reforming K-12th grade health and physical education programs in the U.S. and beyond. In August, Beckmann spoke on “Health, Fitness and Academic Achievement: A Web of Success for All” at the U.S. Department of Education’s 2009 “The Power of Change: Healthy Students, Safe Schools and Engaged Communities” National Conference.

MN Sophomore Places Second in the Nation for Racquetball. The board applauds Drew Mueller, a sophomore at McCluer North High School (MN), for placing second in the nation for his age group and tenth overall in the 2010 U.S. National High School Racquetball Championships in Portland, Oregon. More than 40 high schools from across the country vied for shiny gold medals and the chance to be named to the U.S. Junior National Team that represents Team USA at international competitions. Drew competed against top-ranked high school males in singles matches and brought home a silver medal. Drew also finished second for players from Missouri. This is some feat, considering his competitors were mainly seniors from high schools with racquetball programs.

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Board Recognitions, Cont.

MC Senior Honored With the President's Volunteer Service Award. The board congratulates Taelon Smith, a senior at McCluer High School, who was presented with the prestigious President's Volunteer Service award. The award recognizes Americans of all ages who volunteer significant amounts of time to serve their community and country. Taelon was also conferred a Certificate of Excellence, which is an honor reserved for the top 10 percent of Missourians who applied for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Each week, Taelon helps fellow students, neighbors or local businesses. He participated in McCluer's blood drive, helped with the cleaning of S. New Florissant Road and has volunteered at the Ferguson Recreation Center among many other service projects. After medical school, Taelon will continue to answer the call to serve and join Doctors Without Borders.

District Students Take Top 100, Maestro Award in Orchestra's Contest. The board salutes the district students whose artwork ranked among the top 100 entries in the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra's 20th Annual Picture the Music Art contest. Cool Valley Elementary School winners include Jimonnie Whittaker, a kindergartener, Tahj Henderson, a second-grader, Jayla Allen and Trinity McCaw both fourth-graders, and Cody Yates, a sixth-grader. Andre Parker, a sixth-grader at Halls Ferry Elementary School, and Jalen Frazier, a third-grader at Wedgwood Elementary School, were also winners. The board is especially pleased to recognize Zyericka Higgins, a third-grader at Cool Valley, who received the coveted Maestro award for "The People Who Love To Sing." This is significant because only two of 16,000 students received Maestro awards. Winners were honored at Powell Symphony Hall.

District Spelling Bee Winners. The board commends the 2010 Ferguson-Florissant School District Spelling Bee participants. The first-place grade level winners from each elementary and middle school competed against each other for the title of "Spelling Bee Champion." The first-place elementary school winners include the following: Cole Owens, a fourth-grader at Vogt, Eric Mahoney a fifth-grader at Duchesne and Annta Blackwell a sixth-grader at Johnson-Wabash. The first-place middle school winners include the following: Taylor Lampkin, a seventh-grader, and Tia Galloway, an eighth-grader, at Ferguson Middle School. The overall second-place winner of the district bee is Dominick Gillette, a sixth-grader at Robinwood. Last but not least, the district's Spelling Bee Champion is Annta Blackwell. Each winner received a trophy in honor of the accomplishment.

OASIS Tutors Honored for up to 15 Years of Service to District Students. The board appreciates the dedication that OASIS volunteers provide to our elementary school students. OASIS volunteers are trained in reading and language arts and spend one hour each week tutoring kindergarten through fourth-grade students. Tutors with five years in the program include: Barbara Clasby (Parker Road), Nancy Kappel (Johnson-Wabash), Mary Jane Loraine (Parker Road), Sharon McFarland (Halls Ferry), and Vivian Weeden (Duchesne). Tutors with ten years in the program include: Rosemary Davison (Bermuda), Sharon Goggins (Combs), and Pat Murphy (Wedgwood). Lastly, Penny Carpenter (Halls Ferry) and Judith Walters (Lee-Hamilton) have dedicated fifteen years to the program.



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The Ferguson-Florissant School District, located in suburban St. Louis, takes seriously its motto of treating "Each Child as My Own" and "High Achievement for All" is its goal. The district enjoys a national reputation as an innovative education leader.

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