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NEWS RELEASE

State School Superintendent Names the *2010 Georgia Schools of Excellence*

(Columbus, GA)-Britt David Computer Magnet Academy is in the *Top 10 percent* of schools named by the State School Superintendent, Dr. John Barge, as a *Georgia School of Excellence!* Barge named the *2010 Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement* earlier this month, which includes 22 schools with the greatest improvement or highest achievement across the state. Each school will receive a \$1,000 check from Georgia Natural Gas.

Muscogee County School District Superintendent, Dr. Susan Andrews, received a call today from the State Department advising Barge is expected to come to Britt David by helicopter on Wednesday, February 23, around 1:30 p.m. to personally deliver the Georgia School of Excellence award to Britt David Computer Magnet Academy.

The Georgia Department of Education identifies schools from each Congressional District as Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement. One public school from each Congressional District is chosen in each of the following two categories:

1. **TOP 10%:** Schools that are in the top 10 percent of schools in Georgia as measured by assessments in reading and mathematics.
2. **GREATEST GAINS:** Schools that demonstrate the greatest continuous gains in student achievement for the past three years as measured by assessments in reading and mathematics.

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Additionally, in order to be considered for the recognition, a school must:

- Meet AYP for a minimum of three consecutive years
- Meet or exceed state mean scores in Science and Social Studies (with the exception of K-2 schools, which do not test in this area)
- Not be considered a “Persistently Dangerous School” under the Unsafe School Choice Option of No Child Left Behind
- Offer a minimum of two AP courses (grades 9-12 only)
- Be in existence for five years

Schools that have been recognized as a Georgia School of Excellence in the past five years are not eligible to win again **unless** the only school or schools eligible to receive the honor in a certain district have won within the last five years. If no schools qualify in a specific Congressional District, an award is not given.

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