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Nationally Distinguished Principals Use Renaissance Solutions

More than Half of the Best Principals in U.S. Use Renaissance Solutions in Their Schools

(December 5, 2002) – Renaissance Learning is proud to announce that 35 of this year’s 63 Distinguished Principal honorees are from schools that implement Renaissance Solutions.

The National Distinguished Principals Program (NDP) was established in 1984 as an annual event to honor exemplary elementary and middle school principals who set the pace, character, and quality of the education children receive during their early school years. The program is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

As stated this year by the U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, “With the nation’s focus squarely on student achievement and accountability for results under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, principals are front and center in the effort to raise student achievement.”

Linda Peifer, the Distinguished Principal from the state of Pennsylvania attributes the increase in her students’ reading proficiency to Reading Renaissance®. Her school, Broad Street Elementary, has certified as a Model School in Reading Renaissance six consecutive times between 1997 and 2002. Since that time, her 5th grade reading proficiency scores have almost doubled, increasing by 24 points

Principal Galen Hoffstadt, from Luther Jones Elementary in Corpus Christi, is this year’s Distinguished Principal representing the state of Texas. Hoffstadt uses both Reading and Math Renaissance® in her classrooms. In fact, Reading Renaissance is currently used by nearly 75% of all public schools in the state and is clearly having a positive impact on Texas Education.

Renaissance Solutions, now implemented in over 61,000 schools in the country, align perfectly with the federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and the Reading First initiative. That’s because Renaissance Solutions support existing curriculum and help improve instruction through assessment software and professional development.

Renaissance Solutions, including Reading and Math Renaissance, provide valid, reliable, classroom-based assessments and are grounded in scientifically research-based programs. They provide educators with the data and information that allows them to target and personalize instruction.

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