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Dear Principal:

It is my honor to congratulate your school as a winner in the 2009 Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) awards. Your hard work and that of your students, faculty, and community has earned your school a **silver award** for making great gains in student achievement.

The SSAS competition for a silver award in the greatest gains category is impressive. Schools must meet 3 criteria to be determined winners:

- a) Make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2 consecutive years;
- b) Demonstrate that at least 25% of students exceed standards in all test areas as measured by state assessments; and
- c) Place in the 96<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher statewide in greatest student achievement gains.

It takes the collaborative effort of teachers, principals, and parents working with students to reap this level of success, and I applaud your entire school community for this accomplishment. Your school is one of only 13 elementary schools in the state of Georgia to receive this award for the 2008-2009 school year.

A banner announcing your school community's achievement will be mailed to you shortly. It is my hope that you will display it proudly in a prominent place at your school.

Again, congratulations! I wish your school continued success and extend my best wishes to your entire school community as we work together to build a more educated Georgia.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Mathers  
Executive Director