



The Center for Educational Effectiveness



TO: Yale Elementary School, A 2010 School of Distinction Award Winner
 FROM: CEE and PDK-WA State Chapter Leadership
 RE: Official notification that you are a 2010 School of Distinction!
 DATE: October 20, 2010

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure and excitement that the Center for Educational Effectiveness and Phi Delta Kappa—Washington State Chapter identify **Yale Elementary School**, as a 2010 School of Distinction Award winner. A School of Distinction is one of the 5% highest improving schools in the state of Washington. This is an honor given to only 94 schools in our state this year!

Some specifics you would like to know:

- Of the 94 schools, 52 are elementary schools, 22 are middle schools and 20 are high schools.
- There are several repeat winners: Twelve are 3-time winners! Twenty-five are 2-time winners!
- Of the total, 47 are Title-I schools and 47 are not Title-I schools.
- Poverty ranges from 5% to 94% and ELL as high as 45%.
- Winning schools come from all over the state: ESD 101—12, ESD 105—2, ESD 112—4, ESD 113—4, ESD 114—3, ESD 121—39, ESD 123—4, ESD 171—9 and ESD 189—17.
- There will be six regional award ceremonies. The details are found below.
- At the ceremony you will receive 2 certificates for framing and a vinyl banner to display.
- Via email we will send you a press release and a Methodology Paper identifying the analysis protocols and the team of professionals who designed the analysis.
- The Center for Educational Effectiveness has performed the analysis to identify award winners since the award's creation in 2007. The methodology has been consistent each year.
- The award is based on improvement in combined Math and Reading over a period of 5 years, from 2005 to 2010. You do not need to make AYP to be considered an award winner, however you do need to meet or exceed the performance of the state in both Reading and Math.
- OSPI sponsors the Washington Achievement Award, an award for achievement, announced in the spring.

You are welcome to select from the following award ceremonies (if you select one outside of your region, please notify the contact person):

ESD #	Location	Date	Time	Contact Person	Phone	email
101	ESD Conference Center	2-Dec	9:30-11:30	Mike Dunn	509-456-2999	mdunn@ESD101.net
105	select from list and notify contact person					
112	Battle Ground School District Office	11-Dec	11-1:00	Diana Gilsinger	360-885-5338	gilsinger.diana@bgsd.k12.wa.us
113	Battle Ground School District Office	11-Dec	11-1:00	Diana Gilsinger	360-885-5338	gilsinger.diana@bgsd.k12.wa.us
114	Battle Ground School District Office	11-Dec	11-1:00	Diana Gilsinger	360-885-5338	gilsinger.diana@bgsd.k12.wa.us
121	Seattle			Karen Fynboe	253-272-0627	kfynboe@hotmail.com
123	ESD Center - Pasco	30-Nov	2-3 pm	Bruce Hawkins	509-544-5785	bhawkins@esd123.org
171	Eastmont JHS Commons (Eastmont)	1-Dec	6-7:30pm	Brand Fields	509-888-4699	fieldsb@eastmont206.org
189	Gateway MS Commons (Everett)	30-Nov	4:30-6:30	Ysella Perez	425-385-5209	yperez@Everettsd.org

You are welcome to bring 5-10 persons from your team to share in this celebration of hard work and professional dedication. We are so excited for you! And, once again, CONGRATULATIONS!

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