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TWO ELEMENTARIES ARE NATIONAL TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

(Frankfort, KY.) –Two Kentucky schools have been recognized as part of the National Title I Association’s National Title I Distinguished Schools program. Schools are chosen in two categories. Beechwood Elementary (Beechwood Ind.) is the state’s category 1 school, a school that has exceeded adequate yearly progress for two or more years. Cuba Elementary (Graves Co.) is the state’s category 2 school, a school that significantly closed the achievement gap between student groups.

The National Title I Association has been selecting examples of superior Title I school programs for national recognition through the National Title I Distinguished Schools program since 1996. Title I is a major component of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The program provides billions of dollars annually to fund supplementary education for the country’s most at-risk students.

Based on a combination of academic achievement of their students and the creative and innovative programs that contribute to their success, 67 schools were selected by their individual states as National Title I Distinguished Schools last year.

These schools demonstrate a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success and strong partnerships between the school, parents and the community.

“What makes National Title I Distinguished Schools’ stories especially powerful are the documented student achievement gains that have resulted from their innovations,” said Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. “Other schools seeking to improve student outcomes can learn from these schools,” he said.

As part of this award, each school attended the association’s national conference last month where they were recognized and had the opportunity to participate in professional learning opportunities.

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Information about the National Title I Distinguished Schools program can be found [here](#).

The National Title I Association is a membership organization made up of the Title I Directors and their staff from each of the states and territories charged with managing their state Title I program. They ensure compliance with federal regulations, but more importantly work to see that all children — especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions — have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

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