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Dear Principal:

It is my honor to congratulate your school as a winner in the 2008 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 96th 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 5 middle schools in the state of Georgia to receive this award for the 2007-2008 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JR Buck".

Jennifer Rippner Buck
Executive Director