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Oakhurst Elementary Named a Georgia School of Excellence in Student Achievement

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Decatur, GA (2013)- Oakhurst Elementary School was named today as one of the 2012 Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement by the Georgia Department of Education. The Schools of Excellence program recognizes 28 schools across the state that have shown the highest performance or highest progress.

"This is a tremendous honor for City Schools of Decatur," said Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Edwards. "Oakhurst's faculty, staff and students deserve this recognition for their continued gains in achievement and for their outstanding performance on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index."

According to the Georgia Schools of Excellence criteria, qualifying schools are chosen from each Congressional District in the following categories:

- **Performance:** Highest Performing schools represent the top performing schools on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).
- **Highest Progress:** Highest Progress schools represent the schools making the greatest gains on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

Oakhurst Elementary is recognized in the **Highest Performance** category. The school received a CCRPI score of 101.7 making it the fourth highest ranked school in the state. The tremendous student achievement results in the academic core subjects come from high quality instructional practices such as Expeditionary Learning. The strong performance of Oakhurst's Special Education students was also a major factor in the school's success.

"I am so proud of this honor," said Oakhurst Principal Mary Mack. "We take our job of providing the best educational experience for our students seriously and I am thrilled that our staff and students are being recognized for their hard work."

All of the schools recognized as Georgia Schools of Excellence will receive a \$1,000 check from program sponsor Georgia Natural Gas to use however they wish.