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DeKalb County School System receives
NSDC's Shirley Havens Support and Classified Staff Development Award

DALLAS—December 8, 2009— The National Staff Development Council presented the Shirley Havens Support and Classified Staff Development Award to DeKalb County School System in Atlanta, Ga. This award recognizes an organization committed to the professional learning of support and classified staff members.

DeKalb County School System is dedicated to providing exemplary learning opportunities for every employee to enhance student achievement. Its Classified Employees Leadership Academy strengthens individual job performance broadens experience within the district and positions employees for career advancement.

This successful program offers training in the following areas: Basics of Team Building, Customer Service, Essentials of Leadership Development, Valuing the Human Kaleidoscope, and Time Management and Accountability.

“The Classified Employee Leadership Academy is a testament to our efforts to fulfill our mission, *Exemplary Learning for Every Employee Every Day*,” said Sonja Alexander, Director of Professional Learning.

NSDC presented the prestigious award at its 41st Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo. NSDC's annual awards program recognizes individuals for their commitment to improving student achievement through effective professional learning. The School Improvement Network sponsored the 2009 awards.

About National Staff Development Council

The National Staff Development Council's purpose is ensuring that every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves. NSDC is the only education association working solely to increase student achievement through more effective professional development. For more information about the impact of high-quality professional learning, visit www.nsd.org.

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