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**Press Release**

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Secondary Principals

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Middle Level  
Principals

**Ten South Carolina Schools Selected as Finalists for Palmetto’s Finest Awards**

Elementary Principals

**Columbia, SC** — Ten schools from around the state have been selected as finalists for the 2023 Palmetto’s Finest Awards. This selection comes after extensive evaluations by a committee of fellow educators and previous Palmetto’s Finest winners. The application process includes elements on student achievement, instructional programs, professional learning communities, and school culture.

Career and Technical  
Education Directors

Last fall, 19 South Carolina schools submitted a 20-page application followed by an onsite examination visit from a review committee. The ten finalists are currently undergoing a second onsite evaluation before the winners are selected this spring.

Adult Education  
Directors

Each school will have the opportunity to celebrate with their local community, as the winners will be announced through a live stream to each finalist school on March 15, 2023.

District Personnel  
Administrators

The ten finalists are as follows:

Education Specialist  
Administrators

- Lake Murray Elementary School, Lexington School District 1
- Lake Murray Elementary School, Lexington-Richland School District 5
- Batesburg-Leesville High School, Lexington School District 3
- Clover High School, York School District 2 (Clover)
- John W. Moore Middle School, Florence School District 1
- North Central High School, Kershaw County Schools
- Woodmont High School, Greenville County Schools
- Carver Elementary Magnet School, Florence School District 1
- Daniel Island School, Berkeley County Schools
- Southwood Academy of the Arts, Anderson School District 5

Instructional Leaders

Higher Education  
Deans

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) presents the awards each year to schools which offer the best in innovative, effective educational programs. The Palmetto’s Finest Award is celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> year and is one of the most coveted and respected awards among educators.

“We are excited to recognize some of the outstanding and innovative schools in South Carolina. They represent the many excellent school communities serving our state’s families,” said Beth Phibbs, SCASA Executive Director.

SCASA, the professional organization for school leaders in South Carolina, has more than 5,000 members. From professional development opportunities and research to publications and legislative advocacy, SCASA’s focus is to support school leaders in providing the best possible education for South Carolina’s young people. As a state affiliate of three national associations for school leaders, SCASA also works on the national level.

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