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OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AWARDS



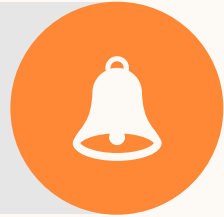
PURPOSE

The Lozier Foundation recognizes the importance of quality education and the tireless efforts leaders put forth to ensure that all children grow and excel. As noted in a rigorous research study completed by the Wallace Foundation, “A particularly noteworthy finding is the empirical link between school leadership and student achievement” (Wallace Foundation, 2011, p.3). This award focuses on the growth attained by the students in your school. We encourage you to nominate yourself for this award.



AWARD FUNDING

\$25,000 TO THE SCHOOL



Schools are often constrained by policies that prohibit the use of funds for things that the school team may feel would help them celebrate successes, address needs, be experimental, engage the community and families, or off-set basic supplies that are always needed. This award **has no restrictions** on how it is used.

We request your feedback at the end of the year as to its impact.

The work of a principal is never done, and we want to thank you for addressing the critical needs of children from under-resourced homes. We know that you put in your own financial resources to buy things for the school, the teachers, the families, and the staff. We hope this will give you a chance to **reward YOURSELF and pay you back** for your personal investment in the school's success.



\$10,000 TO YOU

DATA REQUIREMENTS



TARGET GROUPS

You will select **TWO target groups** and describe the reason for the group being selected, the strategies you used to create growth, and the growth as evidenced on the MAP from fall to spring.

You may select groups from different grade levels and subjects such as 3rd grade reading and 5th grade math.



GROWTH REPORT

On the application we will ask for the demographics of your school, and then the MAP Growth report for the two target groups that you select. The **focus is on GROWTH** and not necessarily on proficiency, although that is always the goal.

TARGET GROUPS

Identify for each target group:

- Grade Level/ Sub-Group
- Subject Area
- Number of Students
- Rationale for selection of this group and subject

Respond for each target group:

1. Identify three data sources used to determine growth.
2. Describe best practices or strategies used to achieve growth. Are these evidence-based? Explain.
3. Describe any progress monitoring or steps taken in response to data to impact or shift practices and strategies throughout the school year.
4. Describe how your three data sources informed you that growth was achieved.



NARRATIVE

Your explanation of how the school achieved GROWTH is the most important part of the application. The following questions are part of the principal narrative:

1. What did you determine were the needs and assets of your building to implement change?
2. How did you, the principal, provide instructional leadership or organizational effectiveness to achieve growth?
3. What changes in instructional practices were made?
4. What other experiences have you, the principal had, which helped you move the school toward success?



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are required.

- District Level Support- Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Leaders
- Teacher or Paraprofessional
- *Optional:* Parent, Community Member, Partnering Organization



Timeline

- May 1 - Application open- you must create an account in GOapply
- July 31-Application closes at 5:00pm
- September- Winners selected
- October- School Announcements/ Celebrations
- Early November- Awards reception with district, school, family, and friends





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