



just for the kids

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Dear MR ROBERT KEITH WESTBROOK

Congratulations! The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA) recognizes the following schools in your district as part of its 2009 Just for the Kids Campaign for Higher Performing Schools in Texas:

- Brackett HS in Mathematics

As part of the recognition, we invite you to:

1. Share insights with NCEA researchers regarding the practices that make your school successful
2. Receive your award from a distinguished Texas Legislator and hear from other leading superintendents and principals of higher performing schools at a regional NCEA event

Sharing insights into what makes schools successful is an important aspect of NCEA's Just for the Kids Campaign. We invite you to take a moment to share the reasons why these schools in your district are successful. The link below will take you to NCEA's Core Practice Framework, which identifies the core practices important to district leaders, school leaders, and teachers. After a quick review of the Core Practice Framework, you will be able to describe, in your own words, why your schools are successful. We may feature your success story on our Web site, so that other school communities can learn from the methods that you are using to improve your students' achievement.

Please go to http://www.just4kids.org/en/texas/higher_performing/reflections.cfm?t=s&id=5994 to share your success story.

NCEA will release its full list of Just for the Kids Higher Performing Schools in Texas on its Web site, <http://www.nc4ea.org>, in January, to coincide with events in Austin, Houston, and Dallas. Each event will include a recognition ceremony for schools included in NCEA's Just for the Kids Higher Performing Schools Campaign, as well as feature keynote speakers, presentations, and panels discussing the importance of College and Career Readiness for all Texas students.

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January 19, 2009 - Austin, TX - James Bowie High School Starlight Theater

January 20, 2009 - Houston, TX - Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center

January 21, 2009 - Dallas, TX - Dallas ISD Administration Building, Board Meeting Room

Scheduled keynote speakers include Senator Florence Shapiro (Austin), Representative Rob Eissler (Houston), and Representative Diane Patrick (Dallas). Panels of leading superintendents and principals of higher performing schools will participate, as well. Each event will provide a unique opportunity to learn more about NCEA's research and resources that assist schools and school systems as they develop student-learning goals that define the path to readiness for college and skilled careers.

Please visit http://www.nc4ea.org/index.cfm/e/event_registration/ to find out more information and confirm your attendance for one of these events. If you have any questions, please contact the National Center for Educational Achievement by phoning 512.320.1800. Thank you, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

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