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Shannon Miller
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Dear Principal Miller:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, it is my honor to congratulate Blue Ridge Elementary School as a winner in the 2016 Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) awards. Your hard work and that of your students, faculty, and community have earned your school a **Gold Award** in the **Greatest Gains** category for exhibiting high growth in student achievement, meaning that your academic growth over the last three years has been in the top 3% of schools in the state.

The Greatest Gains award category has four tiers: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Schools must meet the following criteria to be determined Gold winners:

- a) Place between the 97th and 99th percentile statewide in the average CCRPI Progress Score over the last three years;
- b) Remain in the same CCRPI Single Score range (i.e., 90.0 and higher, 80.0 – 89.9, 70.0 – 79.9, 60.0 – 69.9, or lower than 60) over the last three years; and
- c) Be excluded from the Georgia Department of Education's 2015 Priority or Focus School list.

It takes the collaborative effort of teachers, principals, and parents working with students to achieve this level of success, and I applaud your entire school community for this accomplishment. Blue Ridge Elementary School is one of 139 Greatest Gains schools in the state and one of only 36 schools to receive the 2016 Gold award for Greatest Gains.

An award certificate is included with this letter, and in the coming weeks, you will receive a banner to hang in your school.

Congratulations on this notable accomplishment. I wish your school continued success and extend my best wishes to your entire community as we work together to build a more educated Georgia.

Sincerely,

Martha Ann Todd
GOSA Executive Director