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Bonaire Primary School Principal Recognized as Georgia's 2022 National Distinguished Principal



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Dr. Elgin Mayfield, principal of Bonaire Primary School, was named as Georgia's 2022 National Distinguished Principal by the [Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals](#) (GAESP). The presentation was made by Hal Beaver, Executive Director of GAESP, and included a cash award of \$1,000 made possible through a sponsorship from national K-12 publisher, Istation. In October, Dr. Mayfield will join winners from other states at the 2022 National Distinguished Principal event in Washington, D.C. This program is sponsored by the [National Association of Elementary School Principals](#) and GAESP.

“Dr. Mayfield has made a measurable impact over the past 15 years as a passionate school principal for the Houston County School District,” said Hal Beaver, executive director, GAESP. “He’s an influencer with pivotal strength to affect the forward momentum of his school and organization. He creates the conditions for individuals and teams to be successful by building a school culture focused on connectedness, collaboration, trust, and transparency.”

Dr. Mayfield has been a principal in Houston County for over fifteen years. He first served as the principal of Perry Primary School from 2007-2014. He was named the first principal of Langston Road Elementary when it opened in 2014, and he was hired as principal of Bonaire Primary School in 2020.

Under his leadership, his schools have received numerous awards from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, and he has received the Exemplary Service Award and Outstanding Educator Award from Georgia Association of Educational Leaders. His true passion for leading teachers is evident in the way he incorporates Professional Learning Communities into his school culture. Mayfield believes the key to helping all learners is to be sure that the staff is a group of learners themselves, with a desire to help each child, the knowledge of how to do it, and the resources to make that happen.

"I am truly flattered and humbled to be recognized as a National Distinguished Principal. It is an honor to represent Georgia and the Houston County School District," said Dr. Mayfield. "I have been blessed with so many wonderful opportunities to serve our community. The teachers that I have the joy of working with are undoubtedly some of the best in the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve such a dedicated group of professionals, and I am deeply appreciative of this honor."

Bonaire Primary School is located at 535 Thompson Mill Road in Bonaire. For more information about the school, visit <https://bps.hcbe.net/>.

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*The National Distinguished Principals, sponsored by the **National Association of Elementary School Principals**, is a program that honors outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators who ensure that America's children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. Established in 1984, the program recognizes and celebrates principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities. The program is based on three fundamental ideas:*

- *Children's attitudes towards learning and their perceptions of themselves as lifelong learners are established in the beginning school years.*
- *The scope and quality of children's educational experiences are determined primarily by the school principal, who establishes, through the important work of teachers and the support of caring parents, the character of a particular school's program.*
- *The dedication and enthusiasm of the outstanding principals who guide children's early education experiences should be acknowledged to both show appreciation for their work as well as to allow them to serve as models for others in the field.*