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**Montgomery County Schools' Superintendent Named
2010 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year**

Dr. Donna C. Peters, Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, was named the 2010 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year at an awards presentation and reception held Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The award was given jointly by the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) and the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA). Brady Energy Services sponsored the event and provided a \$5,000 award to the winner.

Since 2006, Dr. Peters has been superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, a rural district comprised of 11 schools with a diverse student population of approximately 4,350 in grades K-12. Prior to coming to Montgomery County Schools, Dr. Peters served as superintendent of Rutherford County Schools in Forest City, N.C.

Under Dr. Peters' leadership, Montgomery County Schools has made tremendous progress over the last three years with the implementation of a five-year strategic plan, which has greatly impacted student achievement. The school district is recognized at the state level for participation as a pilot for the North Carolina Virtual Public High School. Dr. Peters' leadership style reflects the needs of the community as demonstrated through her regular and systematic meetings with school district staff and her active involvement in community organizations.

A statement written by State Board of Education Chair Dr. William Harrison says this about Peters, "I have had the opportunity to visit schools with Dr. Peters and see her in action. She possesses the skills necessary to be an outstanding superintendent. She has articulated a clear vision for her district and has a plan to translate that vision into reality."

Harrison continues, "...what impresses me most about Dr. Peters is her integrity and absolute commitment to the students she serves."

Others agree that Peters' leadership skills are commendable.

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“Dr. Donna Peters, like the late President John F. Kennedy, lives by the creed ‘a child mis-educated is a child lost.’ She has spent her entire professional career saving children,” said NCASA Executive Director Bill McNeal.

Dr. Ed Dunlap, Jr., Executive Director of NCSBA, said, “Dr. Peters is an innovative leader with an impressive tenure as superintendent of Montgomery County Schools.”

The 2010 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year Award winner will compete for the National Superintendent of the Year honor, which will be given at the American Association of School Administrators’ National Conference on Education Feb. 11-13, 2010 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Along with Dr. Peters, the 2010 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year nominees included:

- Dr. Ed Davis, Union County Public Schools
- Dr. Peter C. Gorman, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- Dr. Carl E. Harris, Durham Public Schools
- Mr. Jack Hoke, Alexander County Schools
- Dr. Timothy S. Markley, Catawba County Schools
- Dr. Allan T. Smith, Edenton-Chowan Schools
- Dr. Dan Strickland, Columbus County Schools
- Dr. Ronald Wilcox, Madison County Schools

About the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA): NCASA is a non-profit membership organization serving over 6000 school administrators from across North Carolina. The goal of the organization is to ensure quality learning experiences for all students through visionary and effective leadership.

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