

**Principal's Statement: 2009 Blue Ribbon School Designation**

Speaking on behalf of the West Elementary Faculty and families, we wish to express our appreciation to the United States Department of Education and the Alabama Department of Education for the 2009 Blue Ribbon School accolade.

Between 2003 and today's announcement many West Elementary faculty members made this designation a reality with an unflinching commitment that our students would experience success. Because I see on a daily basis the faculty's extraordinary pursuit of student success, it is very gratifying to see their efforts acknowledged in such a prestigious manner. Over the years, our teachers and staff have demonstrated that working together and holding high expectations, seasoned with patience and grace, is a great recipe for student achievement.

Likewise, national recognition for superior academic achievement, acknowledges the efforts of our students, our families, the Cullman City Board of Education, the Cullman City Council and our community partners. It is our honor to, in part; represent the results of their investment of both time and resources. Their unwavering commitment to public education allows us to provide a exemplary elementary school experience for all children.

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