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Guilford County Schools Director of Title I Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Melissa M. Nixon, director of Title I in Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, N.C., has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leader program recognizes top educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership. A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 22 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at an event in Washington, D.C., honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Honoring these young leaders is one of PDK's most important initiatives," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We know the future of education is in good hands with leaders like these making a difference in the lives of our students."

Nixon has previously served as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal, and principal. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in school administration, an educational specialist's degree, and doctorate of education from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

"My passion has always been about affecting change to positively impact children and the adults who work with children, whether it's in schools as a teacher with children, as a school administrator with the adults who care for those children, or most recently at the district level with the leaders who make the decisions that affect our children and our future," Nixon said.

She is a member and part of the Governing Board of the PDK International State of North Carolina chapter, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association, and North Carolina Association of School Administrators.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org

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