



Aurora Public Schools

Seven Schools Earn Top State Awards

- The Colorado Department of Education recently recognized Montview Math and Health Sciences Elementary and Tollgate Elementary School of Expeditionary Learning with the 2011 Centers of Excellence award. The CDE distributes these awards annually to schools with the highest rates of student academic growth as measured by the Colorado Growth Model. In addition, the school must have a student population that is at least 75 percent at-risk.

“It was a huge honor to accept the CDE Center Excellence Award for the third year in a row on behalf of our staff, students and parents at Montview,” Montview principal Michelle Barone said. “For us, it is a symbol of the expertise, dedication, heart and thoughtful work that everyone here invests in helping every student improve and achieve.”

Tollgate also earned this award for the third consecutive year.

“We are proud of the work that our students, staff and families is being recognized for by the Colorado Department of Education,” Tollgate principal Laurie Godwin said. “Our goal is to ensure that students are engaged in rigorous, meaningful and joyful learning every day that results in student achievement.”



Montview Math and Health Sciences Elementary principal Michelle Barone, left, and Tollgate Elementary School of Expeditionary Learning principal Laurie Godwin accept the Centers of Excellence Award on behalf of their schools for the third consecutive year.

- The CDE also awarded several APS schools with the 2011 Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Awards.

The Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award is given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth by exceeding expectations related to longitudinal academic growth and by meeting or exceeding expectations related to academic growth gaps. Congratulations to staff and students of the following schools:

- Aurora Quest K-8
- Aurora Frontier P-8
- Clyde Miller P-8
- Side Creek Elementary
- Yale Elementary

- Congratulations to Aurora Quest K-8 for earning the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award. This award is given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement by exceeding expectations on the academic achievement indicator and by meeting or exceeding expectations related to academic growth gaps.

