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**CRISP COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED EXCEPTIONAL FIRST YEAR IMPLEMENTATION
BY ASCEND EDUCATION**

Shreveport, LA (September 10, 2013) Ascend Education announced today that Crisp County Middle School of Cordele, GA has been chosen as the Ascend Math 2013 Exceptional First Year Implementation.

Crisp County Middle School began using Ascend Math this past school year to help meet the needs of middle school students who have consistently failed the GA Math CRCT (Criterion Referenced Competency Tests) state assessment. Their goal was to provide 112 students the math remediation instruction needed to be successful in regular math classes at the middle school and be better prepared for their high school math courses, especially, Algebra I.

“We are amazed at the great results achieved by Crisp County educators and students this past school year,” said Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Education. “Of the students using Ascend 41% achieved 2 or more grade levels. Most impressive is the improvement they achieved on the CRCT, Georgia’s end of year state tests.”

CRCT passing rates for 6th graders using Ascend Math improved from 25% to 63%. Passing rates for struggling 7th graders improved from 10% to 83%. The previous year, none of the 8th grade students now using Ascend Math passed the CRCT. After just one year using Ascend 43% passed. More important, all of the students that did not pass the CRCT made exceptional progress in the Ascend Math program and are on track for continued improvement next school year.

About Ascend Math®

Ascend Math® is a research based instructional resource in which students have proven to achieve two or more grade level gains in a six month period. This web- delivered individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction, and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance and potential.

Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math® is currently used in more than 500 schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.ascendmath.com

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