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EMMET BELKNAP INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ACHIEVES MODEL SCHOOL STATUS

Shreveport, LA (September 28, 2012) Ascend Education is pleased to announce that Emmet Belknap Intermediate School has been awarded Model School status.

The Ascend Math Model School Program was created to honor schools that implement Ascend Math with fidelity and integrity and hold them up as leaders in Ascend Math and models for others. The program seeks to celebrate the students' and school's success while providing the opportunity to share best practices with others. The Model School program encourages educators to build a network of knowledge, sharing with other educators the challenges they face and the strategies they use to overcome these challenges with the help of Ascend Math®, a research-proven online math intervention program.

Challenged with helping 120 At-Risk students at the bottom 15th percentile relative to their same grade peers, Emmet Belknap employed intervention strategies using Ascend Math. Last year, these students who previously gained just .5 grade levels in math achieved two year's growth, that's four times the growth.

The educators at Emmet Belknap are master implementers of Ascend Math. They regularly set ambitious goals and use data to monitor student progress and improve upon their success.

As a model school, Emmet Belknap will have the opportunity to share best practices with other educators and districts who will likely benefit from their knowledge and experience.

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.

Study plans align by grade level to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards, Core Curriculum and state standards. 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 by hundreds of schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.ascendmath.com

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