

**Lamar County Schools Receive Award for
“Excellence in Economics Education”**



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LAMAR COUNTY, MISS., Monday, November 29, 2010—The Mississippi Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has recognized the Lamar County School District (LCSD) as the only school district to receive the Banner School in Financial Readiness at this month’s Thad Cochran Forum for Economics Education.

“The district was recognized for being the only school system in the state, and possibly the nation, with a comprehensive economics curriculum with lessons for Kindergarten through 12th grade in every subject area,” said Tammy Walters, MTE, Oak Grove Middle School teacher.

“As a part of the ongoing economic initiatives, Lamar County is working to equip students with appropriate and relevant lessons to develop financial and economic literacy.” Walters assisted in developing a systematic guide to infusing economics education into every subject area at every grade level on behalf of the Lamar County Economics Initiative.

With the help of the Center for Economics and Entrepreneurship Education at USM, the district has developed a curriculum matrix that is being viewed as a national model for economic education infusion. Providing this level of economics instruction is designed to help students achieve a level of economic and financial readiness that prepares them to excel in the marketplace.

Since 2007, there have been several individual and team accomplishments through Lamar County’s involvement with MCEE and the district’s commitment to economic education infusion, with participation ranging from local, statewide, and national programs, workshops, presentations, and competitions to training with an international curriculum writing group.

Lamar County has been a statewide leader in teacher training, with at least one teacher on each campus who has completed the extensive Master Teacher of Economics (MTE) training with the MCEE and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). Each MTE, in turn, trains the teachers on their campus in the use of available curriculum materials and economics content infusion that is appropriate for their grade level and complements their subject area, and connects to the Mississippi Frameworks for economic education. Lamar County is the first school district in the state to consistently pursue and facilitate training of all teachers in economics education infusion.

The district will officially be presented with the economics award on December 6 at the LCSD school board meeting.

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