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Edgewater's Jeff Reaves Named Innovative Principal of the Year Award Finalist

DELAND – Edgewater Public School's Principal Jeff Reaves has been selected as one of three finalists for the 2016-17 Innovative Principal of the Year Award by the Florida Council of Instructional Technology Leaders (FCITL).

The award is designed to highlight efforts of principals in Florida school districts who have utilized technology to further student achievement. It also provides a forum to share and promote best practice educational implementations throughout the state and nation.

Mr. Reaves was nominated for his commitment, collaboration and creativity to utilize and integrate technology in the instructional setting. Mr. Reaves is committed to increasing student engagement and academic performance to not just close achievement gaps, but to foster a learning environment that allows students to accelerate in core subject areas at an individualized pace. As an example, Edgewater Public Students have earned computer industry international certification in IC3 Spark and have competed and won against secondary students in 3-D art design projects.

In 2014, Ms. Susan Persis, recently retired principal of Pine Trail Elementary, was selected as a finalist for the Innovative Principal of the Year Award, and was ultimately named the winner.

Finalists for this award are required to submit a digital video, and the submission is due December 16. The three finalists will attend a FCITL luncheon on January 25, upon which the winner will be announced.

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