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SOUTH SEMINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED NATIONALLY CERTIFIED MAGNET SCHOOL

(CASSELBERRY, Fla.) South Seminole Middle School has been named a Nationally Certified Magnet School by Magnet Schools of America (MSA), the national association for magnet and theme-based schools. South Seminole Middle School was among the first 55 schools located in 12 states (AL, CA, CT, FL, LA, MD, NC, NV, SC, TN, TX, and WI) to successfully complete an approximately nine month evaluation process and demonstrate through evidence, reflection, and strategic action that it has established the best practices entailed in the Magnet School Standards of Excellence.

“In an increasingly complex school choice environment, parents, families, students, and local communities can be confident that each nationally certified magnet school is held to the same high standards,” said MSA Executive Director Todd Mann. “The certification process is groundbreaking and the first of its kind. It was created to recognize our most exemplary magnet programs.”

The national certification process is based on the Magnet School Standards of Excellence and the five pillars of magnet schools (diversity; innovative curriculum and professional development; academic excellence; high quality instructional systems; and, family and community partnerships). These pillars and standards define the essential elements and characteristics of high-quality magnet programs.

To become nationally certified, South Seminole Middle School submitted a detailed application and participated in a rigorous evaluation conducted by the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL). The application process required the school to submit evidence demonstrating how it met each of the multiple indicators included in the Standards of Excellence. This included providing specific examples of how the school is promoting school diversity, closing the achievement gap, integrating a theme-based curriculum throughout the school, and encouraging parent and community involvement.

South Seminole Middle School is a renowned educational institution demonstrating a leadership model of excellence that is recognized internationally. The school provides students with opportunities that will further advance skills such as responsibility, accountability, problem solving, adaptability and communication.

South Seminole Middle School will be recognized during a ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America’s 36th National Conference in Chicago, Illinois April 25-29, 2018. The school is also eligible to order a National Certification banner to display at the school and will receive an electronic seal to place on its website and on other appropriate school materials.

To learn more about the Magnet Schools of America Standards of Excellence Certification program, please visit www.magnet.edu

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