

## Quick Facts: TOP Teacher Recognition Program

### Who will be recognized?

- 89 Teachers across 37 schools
- 16 top-TOP teachers who moved their students in reading and math (Platinum award winners)
- 13 of the 16 teach in Title I schools
- 73 Top teachers who moved their students in reading or math (Gold award winners)

### What data determined eligibility for TOP status?

- At least 80% of students met growth targets per the VCG data in reading &/or math in SY 07-08
- Endorsed by Associate Superintendent and Principal

### What criteria defined teacher selection?

- Presently employed full-time in CCSD
- Class size of 10 or more in SY 07-08
- Taught grades 2-5 during 07-08 SY

### Why recognize only teachers of students in grades 2-5?

- Currently, this is where we have the most reliable data. VCG reports provide growth data for students by comparing them to other student "matches" nationally, thus eliminating the variables which are so often associated with hindering student growth in performance. The reliability and validity of testing data among the elementary grade 2-5 student population most accurately measures a teacher's success in growing each student's proficiency across curriculum and student groups.
- This is a pilot year, and we plan to expand the program next year. The instrument and data available to us this year enabled us to confidently begin by recognizing teachers of students in grades 2-5.

### When and where will the recognition ceremony be held?

- May 22, 2009 from 11:00-1:00
- Board Room, 75 Calhoun

### Who is providing the cash awards that the teachers will receive?

- First Federal and a community-based private group interested in supporting and advancing teacher development initiatives in Charleston County will provide the cash awards and contribute toward the cost of an ad in The Post & Courier.