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Press Release

Bushnell Elementary Identified as a Florida Title I Distinguished School for 2010-11

Bushnell Elementary Nominated in the Top Six Florida Schools

October 18, 2011: Bushnell Elementary School has been identified as a Florida Title I Distinguished School for the 2010-2011 school year! Superintendent Rick Shirley says, "According to the Department of Education, Florida has 1,853 Title I schools and only six are being awarded this recognition. What a great honor for the faculty, staff and community." The Chancellor of Public Schools commended Sumter for the strong commitment made by the district and school staff to have the highest quality of education for all students. Bushnell Elementary was nominated by the Florida Department of Education for demonstrating exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years by exceeding its adequate yearly progress (AYP). The Florida Title I Distinguished Schools award recognizes Title I schools that have made the greatest progress in sustaining high levels of academic achievement and for closing the achievement gap for students in the No Child Left Behind subgroups. In addition to meeting Adequate Yearly Progress, Bushnell Elementary has been an 'A' school four consecutive years. The outstanding 2011 FCAT results demonstrate 90% of students meeting high standards in reading, 87% meeting high standards in math, and 93% meeting high standards in Writing. The State Board of Education will recognize Bushnell Elementary later in the year.

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