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Kennard CJA Designated a 2017 National School of Character

The school is one of only 83 schools and 4 districts nationwide to receive the honor.

ST. LOUIS, MO. May 10, 2017 – Character.org, the nonprofit organization that validates character initiatives in schools and communities around the world, has designated Kennard Classical Junior Academy along with 82 other schools and 4 districts from 21 states as 2017 National Schools and Districts of Character.

Kennard, which reached State School of Character status last year, has been putting in significant time and effort in hopes of receiving this designation.

In announcing that Kennard had been selected as a 2017 National School of Character, Character.org Schools of Character Director Sheril Morgan wrote to Kennard Principal Dr. Wanda LeFlore, “Our evaluators were very impressed with your team’s hard work and dedication. We are so excited to have you join our network.”

Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development programs and a positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, school climate and their communities. Schools and districts selected in January as State Schools of Character, along with those schools who reapplied in their 3-year designation, were forwarded to Character.org for consideration for national recognition as National Schools of Character.

Criteria for selection are based on Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character Education, a framework to assist schools in providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

“At Character.org, we are extremely proud of this year’s National Schools of Character as well as our district recipients,” said Doug Karr, Character.org’s president and CEO. “Their dedication to character development has proven over time to increase the well-being of so many students, their families and their communities across the United States and beyond.”

Saint Louis Public Schools is thrilled to have another school reach this great milestone. The district had three schools honored as 2016 National Schools of Character: Woerner Elementary, Nottingham Community Access and Job Training (CAJT) High School and Busch Middle School of Character.

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