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Gwinnett school earns prestigious designation from France

On Thursday, March 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., Trip Elementary School will host an event to celebrate an honor bestowed on its Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program. **Trip Elementary is one of only two schools in Georgia to earn the “Label FrancEducation” designation.** This honor, awarded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its Agency for French Education Abroad, is an official international accreditation granted to schools offering a French bilingual program.

Dr. Jon Valentine, Gwinnett County Public Schools’ director of Foreign Language, applauded Trip Elementary for earning this prestigious honor. He shared:

“Congratulations to the teachers, leaders, and community partners who have worked so hard to provide this innovative learning program for students at Trip Elementary, and thank you to the Embassy of France in the United States and the French Consulate General, Atlanta for their continued support of this work. There are 285 program designees across 53 countries worldwide, with only 46 in the United States. The fact that Trip Elementary earned the designation says a lot about the quality of its program and the instruction students are receiving.”

The French government developed the designation “Label FrancEducation” in 2012 as a means to recognize high-quality French programs around the world in K-12 education. Programs receiving this elite designation must meet the following criteria:

- At least 20% of instruction must occur in French
- At least one French teacher must hold a Master’s degree
- The French teacher’s proficiency in the French language must be verified of high quality
- The program must encourage a francophone environment
- There must be a quality professional development plan in place; and
- An assessment must be available to assess students’ French language development.

As a recipient of this designation, Trip Elementary School will be promoted internationally by the Embassy of France and French educational partners as a program of excellence and will receive an official designation letter from the French Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs. In addition, teachers and school leaders will receive access to high-quality materials in French.

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