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Barbara Beaver, principal of Alton Elementary School, is the recipient of a 2012 Value-Added Achievement Award. The Education Consumers Foundation (ECF) recognized Beaver and 17 other elementary and middle school principals across the state as the most effective leaders in Tennessee.

Each of these principals are recognized and honored based on their school's Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) scores. TVAAS scores measure gains in student achievement and permit schools to be compared regardless of differences in student body composition.

"These 18 principals show what a dedicated principal and teaching force can achieve in Tennessee schools," noted ECF President Dr. J. E. Stone. "If every school performed at the level of our 18 winners, Tennessee would lead the nation in educational improvement."

In previous years, winners were selected on the basis of their three-year average TVAAS scores in reading/language arts and math. This year, the Foundation changed its ranking model to reflect a more comprehensive approach to student achievement. Rankings are now made using schools' letter grades for reading/language arts, math, science and social studies; reading/language arts and math scores are double-weighted to reflect the importance of these areas.

"Value-added achievement is a central focus as we work to boost student achievement across the state, and these education leaders are shining examples of what's possible in Tennessee," said Commissioner Kevin Huffman, Tennessee Department of Education.

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