

## **Iredell Statesville Schools receives Level 3 Advancement Award from the North Carolina Awards for Excellence**

*Raleigh, NC* — Iredell Statesville Schools was awarded the Level 3 Advancement Award by the North Carolina Awards for Excellence (NCAfE). The Advancement Award is given to organizations that have demonstrated their ability to build sound processes, which are attributed to a systematic approach producing effective results.

The NCAfE process provides assessments of organizations based on the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. Trained examiners evaluate and score criteria responses and provide feedback to participants.

Iredell Statesville School's vision, values, and strategic priorities drives its focus on performance excellence. The model embodies the key leadership processes and illustrates deployment which is results focused and aligned with core values. It is used to meet customer, stakeholder, and community needs, requirements, and expectations. Its leadership system is integrated within the various leadership groups and enables leaders to deploy its strategic priorities, vision, and values to all of its key stakeholder groups.

“Iredell Statesville Schools is an outstanding example of promoting team based decision making to solve problems and target the needs of each and every student and teacher.” said NCAfE Program Director Wayne Tindle. “The organization exhibits a “World Class” Professional Learning Community to make changes to the curriculum, assist students learning needs and enhance student, staff, and stakeholder satisfaction.”

### **About the Iredell Statesville Schools**

With more than 20,000 students, Iredell-Statesville Schools ranks among the 20 largest school districts in North Carolina. Our teachers represent a wealth of knowledge, with the average teacher in our district having 15 years of teaching experience. Student performance continues to improve, placing Iredell-Statesville Schools among the top 25% of school districts in the state. In fact, our SAT scores, graduation rate, and writing scores are among the best in North Carolina. As a district committed to quality, Iredell-Statesville Schools serves as a model school district not only for other districts in North Carolina, but also across the entire nation.

### **About NCAfE and IES**

The North Carolina Awards for Excellence (NCAfE) process is a cooperative industry, academic, and government initiative to improve organizational competitiveness and to provide recognition for performance excellence.. The program was initially formed in 1989 as a foundation through an executive order of the governor. It was transferred to the Industrial Extension Service (IES) at North Carolina State University in 2001.