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Dear Community Leader:

We have been working diligently to prepare for a highly productive and exciting 2009-10 school year. Stripling Elementary School is the recipient of the Georgia Public Policy's 2008-09 No Excuses School Award, recognizing our high expectations for all students to achieve, in spite of their socioeconomic challenges. This honor is due in part to the tireless efforts of a highly motivated and talented staff, committed to meeting the needs of each student.

I am writing to invite your organization to work closely with Stripling as a community partner in the upcoming school year. Currently our partners include *Everybody Wins, IBM, State Farm, 100 Black Men, and Latin American Association*. These organizations sponsor our Enrichment program, student field trips, student mentoring, and volunteer support in our classrooms and media center.

We are seeking a partnership with local universities, to expand our enrichment and tutorial for students, targeting Technology, Math and Science. A focus on these essential areas supports our Local School Plan for continuous improvement at Stripling.

University interns and student teachers are sought to work directly in our Science, Math and Technology labs, supporting students in extending their learning, under the supervision of one of our certified teachers.

Stripling Elementary envisions becoming an International Baccalaureate school, so to move us forward in this direction, our enrichment plans for the upcoming school year include the addition of Spanish, organic gardening and Honors Math and Technology classes.

This is an exciting time for us here at Stripling, and we have much to celebrate in regards to student performance. However, we know that our charge to provide a quality plus education for all students must be shared responsibility with the community at large.

We invite you to visit our website and review our Accountability report to learn more about our wonderful school community.

Feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss additional opportunities to get engaged as an active partner for our school.

Priscilla McHam

Principal

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**\*Stripling Back To School Night**  
August 20<sup>th</sup>  
6-8pm