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A.B. Chandler Elementary is a High Hope School

(Henderson, KY)- A.B. Chandler Elementary is one of twelve (12) schools in Henderson County to participate in the Gallup Student Poll conducted in the fall of 2012. The Gallup mission is to provide school districts across the United States with tools and insight that spark discussions from local school boards to college classrooms to national forums. The poll measures student hope for the future, engagement with school, and wellbeing.

Gallup reached out to A.B. Chandler Elementary because their students have the highest hope in the land making them the Gallup High Hope School. Of the 1700 schools that participated in the 2012 poll, only 192 schools had a high hope student body. The average 'hope' score of the A.B. Chandler students was 4.53 or higher out of a possible 5 from the 30 or more students polled. With this new honor, A.B. Chandler will receive a brief leadership coaching call from a Gallup educational consultant to discuss team strengths. A teacher nominated by the school principal will compete for the Most Hopeful Teacher in America Award which comes with a \$2500 cash prize, a trip to one of Gallup Education's learning events, and more.

Kindergarten teacher Deanna Vandiver from A.B. Chandler Elementary was nominated as the Most Hopeful Teacher (MHT). The MHT in America is a full-time, K-12 classroom teacher who must be nominated by his or her principal with a letter documenting classroom effectiveness. The nomination touts the teacher's ability not only to promote student learning and achievement, but to inspire students to want a better life. Each MHT finalist will submit a personal story and complete an interview with the selection committee as part of the process. The MHT will receive a cash prize from Gallup and Simon & Schuster and will share his or her experience at a future Gallup Education event.

Henderson County Schools participated in the same poll during the fall of 2011 and has committed to participating for the next ten years. All students in grades 5-12 take the poll. This year 37,156 students from across the state and 458,538 students from across the nation participated.

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