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## **E.L. Haynes Public Charter School Makes AYP on DCCAS School Makes Outstanding Gains of 19% in Math and 18% in Reading**

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E.L. Haynes Public Charter School made dramatic 19- and 18- percentage point gains in Math and Reading, respectively, on the 2008 DCCAS, reaching Adequate Yearly Progress and demonstrating the strength of its academic model. These gains outperformed the District's already-impressive statewide gains by nearly 3-to-1 in Reading and nearly 2-to-1 in Math. E.L. Haynes also more than doubled the percentage of students scoring at Advanced levels in both categories; 25% of Haynes students are Advanced in Math.

An evaluation of subgroups tested at E.L. Haynes demonstrates equally impressive gains. In Math, 23% more Black students, 11% more Hispanic students, and nearly 27% more Special Education students scored Proficient or Advanced than in 2007. In Reading, 16% more Black students and 18% more Hispanic students scored Proficient or Advanced than in the previous year.

To what does E.L. Haynes attribute such outstanding gains? "E.L. Haynes has developed an education program that fully integrates data gathered at regular intervals to drive success for every student," said Jennie Niles, E.L. Haynes' Founder and Head of School. "Our outstanding team uses interim assessments and targeted Professional Development days to evaluate data and develop Re-teach Action Plans for students, and our comprehensive program attends to the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students." In addition, E.L. Haynes launched a 3 Million Minute Reading Challenge in 2007-2008, which students surpassed in April. "Our school motto is *Be Kind, Work Hard, Get Smart* and our students excelled at working hard. Amazingly, they reached over 4 million minutes by the end of the school year, which is an average of more than 13,000 minutes of reading per student!" said Principal Eric Westendorf. "This initiative got our entire school community excited about reading."

### **About E.L. Haynes**

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School was founded in 2004 and has a program based on nationally-recognized best practices for advancing student achievement. E.L. Haynes' mission is that every student – regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or home language – will reach high levels of academic achievement and be prepared to succeed at the college of his or her choice. Haynes students will be instilled with a deep appreciation for mathematics and science and develop the lifelong skills needed to be successful individuals, active community members, and responsible citizens. In 2008-2009, E.L. Haynes will serve 376 students in grades Pre-K through 6 and will grow, adding a grade each year, until it serves 650 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The school is the first year-round public school in Washington, DC and is named for Dr. Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics, a teacher in the District of Columbia's school system for 47 years, and the first woman to serve as President of the District of Columbia Board of Education. In April 2008, E.L. Haynes was chosen from DC's 56 charter schools as the winner of Fight for Children's first-ever Quality Schools Initiative Award. Also in April 2008, E.L. Haynes was named a Silver Award winning school in through New Leaders for New Schools' Effective Practice grant program, ranking 6<sup>th</sup> out of 76 charter elementary schools nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.elhaynes.org](http://www.elhaynes.org).

**DCCAS Gains**

