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Schools to Celebrate Student Reading Gains Through Tutoring Program

BATON ROUGE, La. — Claiborne and Capitol elementary schools have been recognized as among the top 10 schools nationwide for student achievement growth through Teach For America's Ignite high-dosage tutoring program, according to newly released national data by Teach For America.

The Ignite program has recently kicked off its fall semester. An Ignite fellowship launch site visit will be held **from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4,** at Claiborne, 4707 Denham St.

Teach For America's Ignite Fellowship recruits college students to serve as small-group, virtual, high-impact tutors who are embedded in the school day and align tutoring materials with core classroom instruction to maximize student impact.

At Claiborne, in its first year of implementation in 2025-2026, 84% of students met or exceeded their expected growth on the end-of-year DIBELS assessment, exceeding the national average by 34%.

At Capitol Elementary, 92% of students met or exceeded their end-of-year DIBELS growth expectations, nearly doubling the national average.

Additionally, 97% of students reported that their Ignite tutor taught them in a way that they learn best.

The event will allow visitors to observe sessions with students and learn more about how Ignite supports students' academic achievement and engagement at Claiborne.

First- through fourth-grade students are participating in Ignite to increase their reading proficiency. Ignite tutors serving the Greater Baton Rouge community are bringing inspiration and focused support to students who are not yet reading at grade level in 10 partner schools across East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, and Pointe Coupee parishes.

This school year, Claiborne, Capitol and Crestworth Elementary are among more than 215 Ignite school partners nationwide.

Founded in 1990, Teach For America works in partnership with communities across the country to expand educational opportunities for children.

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