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Dear EGRPS Families,

I would like to share the wonderful news that Lakeside Elementary School has been selected as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School as part of the 2016 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program sponsored by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students excel academically. Lakeside Elementary is one of 13 schools selected this year as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School. Lakeside Elementary will be recognized at the awards ceremony during the National Blue Ribbon Schools Conference in Washington D.C. in November.

Lakeside Elementary School was commended on the rigorous efforts to provide quality education, strong leadership, parental participation, and significant progress in achieving high academic standards for all students. I am extremely proud of all the pre-K-12 educators that work in East Grand Rapids Public Schools and their commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and their contributions to continuing the "Tradition of Excellence" legacy.

East Grand Rapids Public Schools were established in 1841 and throughout our 175-year history, at one time or another, all of our schools have received recognitions based on the quality teaching and learning environments from a county, state, and national perspective. An effective school district like EGRPS is founded on a strong partnership between the teachers, students, administration, parents, community, and Board of Education. As superintendent I am very grateful that we have strong partnerships with these groups which enable us to continue to excel on an annual basis as a school district. Please join me in congratulating Lakeside Elementary School on becoming a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School and continuing the "Tradition of Excellence!"

Sincerely,



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