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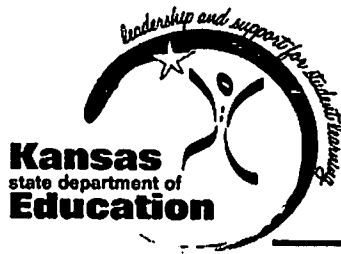
DATE: November 2007
TO: Superintendents
FROM: Alexa Posny, Commissioner of Education
SUBJECT: Governor's Achievement Award

The second annual Governor's Achievement Awards, honoring top performing schools in the state were recently announced. Specifications for the program are as follows:

- The school must have achieved the Standard of Excellence in both reading and mathematics for 2007
- The school must have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in both reading and mathematics and one additional measure in 2007. (For elementary schools and middle/junior high schools—attendance; for high schools—graduation rate)
- The school must have been among schools in the top 5% in both reading and mathematics on the 2007 state assessments at its respective level (elementary school, middle/junior high school, high school)

Forty-four elementary schools, twelve middle/junior high schools, and nineteen high schools qualified for this prestigious award.

Enclosed are the awards which need to be presented to a school or schools in your district. It is our hope that you will present these awards at a local board of education meeting to the staff of each school. We know that without administrative support, highly qualified teachers, paraprofessionals, and other personnel, such achievement simply is not possible. If feasible, perhaps the board could meet in the school for the presentation.



NEWS

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Governor's Award Recognizes Top Performing Schools

TOPEKA, December 2007/ The second annual Governor's Achievement Awards, honoring top performing schools in the state were recently announced.

To receive this prestigious award, schools must have achieved the Standard of Excellence in both reading and mathematics for 2007. Additionally, the school must have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in both reading and mathematics and one additional measure in 2007. For elementary schools and middle/junior high schools that measure is attendance and for high schools the measure is graduation rate. The school must have been among the top 5 percent of schools in both reading and mathematics on the 2007 state assessments at its respective level, i.e. elementary schools, middle/junior high schools, or high schools in addition to the other qualifications.

Forty-four elementary schools, 12 middle/junior high schools, and 19 high schools qualified for the award.

Schools receiving this award are as follows:

ELEMENTARY

Beeson Elementary School, USD 443 Dodge City
Bluestem-Leon Elementary School, USD 205 Bluestem
Broken Arrow Elementary School, USD 497 Lawrence
Brookridge Day School, Overland Park
Centralia Elementary School, USD 380 Vermillion
Edgerton Elementary School, USD 231 Gardner Edgerton
Eisenhower Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools
Eisenhower Elementary School, USD 211 Norton Community Schools
Ellsworth Elementary School, USD 327 Ellsworth
Fontana Elementary School, USD 362 Prairie View
Fort Riley Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools
Frankfort Elementary School, USD 380 Vermillion
Franklin Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools

Grinnell Grade School, USD 291 Grinnell Public Schools
Lakeside Intermediate School, USD 272 Waconda
Liberty View Elementary School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Longford Elementary School, USD 379 Clay Center
Madison Elementary School, USD 231 Gardner Edgerton
Marion Springs Elementary School, USD 348 Baldwin City
Minneola Elementary School, USD 219 Minneola
Moonlight Elementary School, USD 231 Gardner Edgerton
Morris Hill Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools
Morse Elementary School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Mound Valley Elementary School, USD 506 Labette County
Neosho Rapids K Thru 6, USD 252 Southern Lyon County
Nickerson Elementary School, USD 309 Nickerson
Obee Elementary School, USD 313 Buhler
Olsburg Elementary School, USD 384 Blue Valley
Pawnee Heights Elementary School, USD 496 Pawnee Heights
Pierceville-Plymell Elementary School, USD 457 Garden City
Prairie Heights Elementary School, USD 417 Morris County
Robinson Elementary School, USD 402 Augusta
Severy Elementary School, USD 282 West Elk
Sheridan Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools
St Benedict Elementary School, USD 451 B & B
St Dominic Elementary School, Garden City
St John Elementary School, Hanover
St Patrick Catholic Elementary School, Chanute
Stilwell Elementary School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Ware Elementary School, USD 475 Geary County Schools
Wellington Christian Academy
Westmoreland Elementary School, USD 323 Rock Creek
Wilroads Gardens Elementary School, USD 443 Dodge City
Wilson Elementary School, USD 328 Lorraine

MIDDLE/JR HIGH

Blue Valley Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Clifton-Clyde Middle School 4-8, USD 224 Clifton-Clyde
Kennedy Middle School, USD 489 Hays
Lakeside Junior High School, USD 272 Waconda
Lakewood Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Leawood Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Overland Trail Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Pleasant Ridge Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Prairie Heights Middle School, USD 417 Morris County
Prairie Star Middle School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Prairie View Middle School, USD 362 Prairie View

The Independent School – Middle, Wichita

HIGH SCHOOL

Ashland High School, USD 220 Ashland
Baileyville-St. Benedict High School, USD 451 B & B
Blue Valley High School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Blue Valley North High School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Blue Valley Northwest High School, USD 229 Blue Valley
Centralia High School, USD 380 Vermillion
Flinthills Middle School-High School, USD 492 Flinthills
Frankfort High School, USD 380 Vermillion
Greensburg High School, USD 422 Greensburg
Hanover High School, USD 223 Barnes
Lakeside High School at Downs, USD 272 Waconda
Olpe Jr/Sr High School, USD 252 Southern Lyon County
Shawnee Mission East High School, USD 512 Shawnee Mission
Silver Lake Jr-Sr High School, USD 372 Silver Lake
St Francis High School, USD 297 St Francis Community Schools
St Thomas Aquinas High School, Overland Park
Tipton High School, Tipton
Wallace County High School, USD 241 Wallace County Schools
Weskan High School, USD 242 Weskan

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