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Schools nominated for Blue Ribbon award

MADISON — Six public elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school are nominees for the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, which recognizes the highest performing schools in the state.

"Our nominated schools are making strides on closing achievement gaps and boosting student academic achievement," said State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor. "I wish these schools and their communities well in the next steps of this rigorous, national recognition program."

The eight public schools nominated for Wisconsin are

- Bayfield Elementary School in the Bayfield School District,
- Cedar Hills Elementary School in the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District,
- Lakeview Technology Academy in the Kenosha School District,
- Marcy Elementary School, Menomonee Falls, in the Hamilton School District,
- Star Center Elementary School in the Lake Geneva J1 School District,
- Tiffany Creek Elementary School in the Boyceville Community School District,
- Van Hise Elementary School in the Madison Metropolitan School District, and
- Winneconne Middle School in the Winneconne Community School District.

Schools nominated to the program must complete the Blue Ribbon Schools application and undergo the national review process. Typically announced in September, awards are presented to up to eight Wisconsin public schools that fall into one or both of 1) Exemplary High Performing Schools, that score in the top 15 percent on state assessments; and 2) Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools, that score in the top 15 percent on the "Closing Gaps" priority area of Wisconsin's school report cards.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized more than 8,800 of America's schools since it began in 1982.

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