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Wisconsin schools, district receive national honor for outstanding sustainability, environmental education efforts

Named 2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today announced four Wisconsin schools and a school district have been named 2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools for their dedication to sustainability and environmental education among students, staff, and the community.

Among those receiving the prestigious national honor are Wisconsin's first net zero energy school, a school where students and staff connect the community to resources in a longstanding food desert, a school where students are the main caretakers of a community garden, a school that puts an emphasis on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and a district with a special commitment to lowering its energy use.

"I am perpetually impressed by the leadership of our young people when it comes to environmental issues and sustainability," State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly said. "Their commitment coupled with the commitment of the Green Ribbon schools and districts here in Wisconsin and across the country inspires me and gives me hope about the future of both education and our planet."

The national honor recognizes schools and districts that reduce environmental impact and costs, improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff, and provide effective environmental and sustainability education. Wisconsin's 2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools are (click the links below to learn more about each school):

- [Forest Edge Elementary School](#) (Oregon School District in Oregon)
- [Browning Elementary School](#) (Milwaukee Public Schools)
- [Tamarack Waldorf School](#) (participant in the Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program)
- [Eagleville Elementary Charter School](#) (Mukwonago Area School District)
- [Unified School District of De Pere](#)

For more information on the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Program, sustainability stories of each of Wisconsin's recipients and photos for publication, [visit the DPI's website](#).

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