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Grand Haven Teachers, Administration Honored in Washington D.C.

GRAND HAVEN, MI – Grand Haven Area Public Schools were well-represented in Washington D.C. last week, where recipients of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards were honored on November 7 and 8, 2018.

Lake Hills and Rosy Mound, two of the District's seven elementary buildings, were named Exemplary High Performing Schools. Based on state assessments and national testing, these schools are among Michigan's highest-performing schools. Only eleven schools in the state of Michigan received this honor.

"Every day, I'm proud of all the GHAPS staff members who make success for all their top priority," says Andrew Ingall, GHAPS superintendent. "But watching these two schools be recognized on a national stage was incredible. It affirms the success of our collective efforts to provide an exceptional education for our students."

In addition to accepting honors on behalf of his school, Lake Hills principal Jason Lawson was named one of eleven nationwide recipients of the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership. The Bell Award recognizes talented leaders who are committed to education and improving outcomes for all students.

"This whole experience has been quite humbling," says Lawson. "During the ceremony for the Terrel Bell award, I was thinking about my whole staff, students and family. I am very blessed to work with amazing people that consistently do whatever it takes to support *all* children and families in our building. I wish every staff member could have been in attendance to celebrate with us."

Along with Lawson and Rosy Mound principal Kevin Blanding, several representatives traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the District's awards. Additional attendees included Superintendent Ingall; Mary Jane Evink, District Instructional Services Director; Lindsey Bensel and Booke Stolarz, Lake Hills 3rd grade teachers; and Kathy Lampen and Heather Skogen, Rosy Mound 4th grade teachers.

"Our National Blue Ribbon Award is a direct result of those in our learning community, teachers, staff, students and parents valuing and trusting the educational process," says Blanding. "It was a humbling experience to receive this award in Washington D.C. As we looked out upon the national monuments, we were reminded that each day, as educators, we are a small part of history as we shape the future – not only of our community, but also our country, through the education of our future leaders."

Grand Haven Area Public Schools is a district of distinction for students preschool through 12th grade. With a goal of providing exceptional educational experiences, GHAPS is committed to success for all students and strives to provide exemplary programs and opportunities to meet the diverse needs of students.

Attached Photos and Captions:

IMG_3561.jpeg: Lake Hills Elementary Principal Jason Lawson accepts the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership

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IMG_3594.jpeg: Lake Hills representatives, from left to right: Brooke Stolarz, 3rd grade teacher; Jason Lawson, Principal; Aba Kumi, Director of the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Schools program; Lindsey Bensel, 3rd grade teacher, Mary Jane Evink, District Instructional Services Director

IMG_3572.jpeg: Rosy Mound representatives, from left to right: Kevin Blanding, Principal; Heather Skogen, 4th grade teacher; Kathy Lampen, 4th grade teacher

IMG_3569.jpeg: All GHAPS representatives, from left to right: Andrew Ingall, Superintendent; Mark Jane Evink, District Instructional Services Director; Lindsey Bensel, Lake Hills 3rd grade teacher; Brooke Stolarz, Lake Hills 3rd grade teacher; Jason Lawson, Lake Hills Principal; Kevin Blanding, Rosy Mound Principal; Heather Skogen, Rosy Mound 4th grade teacher; Kathy Lampen, Rosy Mound 4th grade teacher

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