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Paige Names 172 Blue Ribbon Schools

**Schools honored for excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, and parental involvement**

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U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige today named 172 public and private secondary schools selected as the 2001-2002 Blue Ribbon Schools.

This marks the 19th year of the program, which honors excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, and parental involvement. "In education, like every other enterprise, we must aspire to highlight and reward our successes," Paige said. "These schools strive everyday to be their very best, and exemplify what American education can look like when we work as a team to create the best teaching and learning environments for our students."

The winning schools share several characteristics, including:

A clear vision and shared sense of mission; challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices to ensure a safe campus conducive to learning; evidence of family involvement; and a commitment to help all students achieve high standards.

This year, 145 public schools and 27 private schools in 35 states, and two stateside Department of Defense schools, will be recognized. The schools were nominated by state education agencies, the Department of Defense and the Council for the American Private Education. Each nominating agency has an assigned Blue Ribbon Schools program liaison who provides materials and information to its respective schools during the application process.

Selection of Blue Ribbon Schools is based on an evaluation of written materials from the nominated schools and the reports of experienced principals and administrators who conducted site visits to these schools. Reviewers make recommendations to the secretary of education for final selection.

Schools selected for recognition have each conducted a thorough self-evaluation involving administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community representatives as part of the application process. This process included assessing their strengths and weaknesses and developing strategic plans for the future development of the school.

Criteria for the next cycle of competition for the Blue Ribbon Schools Program will be announced shortly.

Attached is a list of recognized schools:

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
2001-2002 Blue Ribbon Schools Program  
Schools Selected for Recognition**

**Alabama**

New Market	Buckhorn High School (256) Madison County 379-2123 Mr. Tommy Ledbetter
Madison	Liberty Middle School (256) Madison City Schools 430-0001 Mrs. Sally Bruer
Huntsville	Randolph School (256) Mr. Max Edward Krenson 881-1701

**Arizona**

Tucson	Esperero Canyon Middle (520) School 577-5330 Catalina Foothills School District Mrs. Elizabeth Goettl
Phoenix	Ingleside Middle School (602) Scottsdale Unified School 852-2900 District #48 Dr. Ruben Lara

**California**

Pleasanton	Amador Valley High (925) School 846-2818 Pleasanton Unified School District Mr. Bill Coupe
Valencia	Arroyo Seco Junior High (661) School 296-0991 William S. Hart Unified School District Mrs. Jacquelyn Snyder
San Jose	Bret Harte Middle School (408) San Jose Unified School 535-6270 District Mrs. Elaine Farace
Diamond Bar	Chaparral Middle School (909) Walnut Valley Unified 861-6227 School District Mrs. Jan Keating

Moorpark	Chaparral Middle School (805) Moorpark Unified School 378-6302 District Mr. Creig Nicks
Thousand Oaks	Colina Middle School (805) Conejo Valley Unified 495-7429 School District Mr. Michael Waters
Portola Valley	Corte Madera School (650) Portola Valley School 851-1777 District Mr. Charles Krause
Fresno	Edison Computech 7-8 (559) Fresno Unified School 457-2640 District Mrs. Tanis De Ruosi
Glendale	Eleanor J. Toll Middle (818) School 244-8414 Glendale Unified School District Mrs. Hasmik Danielian
San Diego	Excelsior Academy (619) Dr. Nance Maguire 583-6762
Granite Bay	Granite Bay High School (916) Roseville Joint Union 786-8676 High School District Mr. Ronald Severson
Pleasanton	Harvest Park Middle (925) School 426-4444 Pleasanton Unified School District Mr. James Hansen
Fremont	Hopkins (William) Junior (510) High School 656-3500 Fremont Unified School District Mr. Tim Reichert
San Ramon	Iron Horse Middle School (925) San Ramon Valley 824-2820 Unified Mr. Kirby Hoy
Huntington Beach	Isaac Sowers Middle (714) School 962-7738 Huntington Beach City Schools Dr. Paul Morrow

Encinitas	La Costa Canyon High School San Dieguito Union High School District Mr. Don Rizzi	(760) 436-6136
San Francisco	Lowell High School San Francisco Unified School District Mr. Paul Cheng	(415) 759-2747
Oceanside	Madison Middle School Vista Unified School District Mrs. Theresa Ketchem-Grace	(760) 940-0176
Huntington Beach	Marine View Middle School Ocean View School District Mrs. Elizabeth Williams	(714) 846-0624
Mission Viejo	Mission Viejo High School Saddleback Valley Unified School District Mrs. Marilyn McDowell	(949) 837-7722
Los Alamitos	Oak Middle School Los Alamitos Unified School District Mr. Jim Elsasser	(562) 799-4740
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Middle School Pleasanton Unified School District Mr. John Whitney	(925) 426-4390
Rancho Santa Margarita	Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate School Saddleback Valley Unified School District Mr. Dan Graham	(949)459-8256
El Dorado Hills	Rolling Hills Middle School Buckeye Union School District Mrs. Gloria Silva	(916) 933-9290
Lakewood	Saint Joseph High School Archdiocese of Los Angeles Dr. Terri Mendoza	(562) 925-5073

Downey Saint Matthias High (562)  
 School 861-2271  
 Archdiocese of Los  
 Angeles  
 Dr. Mark Ryan

Danville San Ramon Valley High (925)  
 School 552-5580  
 San Ramon Valley  
 Unified School  
 Mr. David Lorden

Thousand Oaks Thousand Oaks High (805)  
 School 495-7491  
 Conejo Valley Unified  
 School District  
 Mrs. Jo-Ann Yoos

Mission Viejo Trabuco Hills High (949)  
 School 768-1934  
 Saddleback Valley  
 Unified School District  
 Dr. Ray Gatfield

Carlsbad Valley Middle School (760)  
 Carlsbad Unified School 602-6020  
 District  
 Dr. Kim Marshall

**Connecticut**

Greenwich Central Middle School (203)  
 Greenwich Public Schools 661-8500  
 Dr. N. James Bulger

Norwich The Norwich Free (860)  
 Academy 887-2505  
 Dr. Mary Lou Bargnesi

South Windsor Timothy Edwards Middle (860)  
 School 648-5030  
 South Windsor  
 Ms. Janice Tirinzonie

**Department of Defense Education Agency**

Fort Campbell Fort Campbell High (931)  
 School 431-5056  
 Mr. Kenneth Killebrew

Quantico Quantico Middle/High (703)  
 School 221-3154  
 Mr. Charlie Winters

**Florida**

Cooper City Cooper City High School (954)  
 The School Board of 680-7200  
 Broward County  
 Mr. James Vanover

Fort Myers	Cypress Lake Middle School School District of Lee County Ms. Jeananne Folaros	(941) 481-1533
Jacksonville	Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Duval County Public Schools Mrs. Jacquelyn Cornelius	(904) 346-5625
Miami	Monsignor Edward Pace High School Archdiocese of Miami Brother Anthony Iazzetti, FMS	(305) 624-8534
Tampa	Woodrow Wilson Middle School School District of Hillsborough County Mrs. Jean Tessein Hamilton	(813) 276-5689
<b>Georgia</b>		
Carrollton	Carrollton Junior High School Carrollton City School System Mrs. Jackie Fillingim	(770) 832-6535
Douglasville	Chapel Hill Middle School Douglas County Mr. William Foster	(770) 920-4230
Evans	Riverside Middle School Columbia County Dr. Sandra Carraway	(706) 868-3712
<b>Illinois</b>		
Lincolnshire	Adlai E. Stevenson High School School District #125 Mr. Dan Galloway	(847) 634-4000
Mundelein	Carmel High School Father Robert Carroll, O. Carm, Ph.D.	(847) 566-3000
Highland	Highland High School Highland Community Schools Unit District #5 Mr. Andrew Carmitchel	(618) 654-7131

Flossmoor	Homewood-Flossmoor (708) Community High School 799-3000 Homewood-Flossmoor Community H.S. District #233 Dr. E. Von Mansfield
Lisle	Kennedy Junior High (630) School 420-3220 Naperville Community Unit School District 203 Mr. Donald Perry
Skokie	Oliver McCracken Middle (847) School 673-1220 Skokie School District 73.5 Dr. Vicki Gunther
<b>Indiana</b>	
Brownsburg	Brownsburg Junior High (317) School 852-3143 Brownsburg Community School Corporation Mr. Richard Doss
Carmel	Carmel Junior High (317) School 846-7331 Carmel Clay Schools Dr. Steve Stephanoff
Indianapolis	Fall Creek Valley Middle (317) School 823-5490 MsD Lawrence Township Mr. Dennis Watts
Floyds Knobs	Floyd Central (812) Junior/Senior High 923-8811 School New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated Mr. John Marsh
Mishawaka	Penn High School (219) Penn-Harris-Madison 259-7961 School Corp Mr. Jerry Solenne
Evansville	Reitz Memorial High (812) School 476-4973 Diocese of Evansville Mr. Gerry Adams



Bangor                      Bangor High School    (207)  
                                     Bangor School        941-6200  
                                     Department  
                                     Mr. Norris Nickerson

**Maryland**

Wheaton                    Our Lady of Good      (310)  
                                     Counsel High School   942-1155  
                                     Archdiocese of  
                                     Washington  
                                     Mr. Patrick Bates

Laurel                      Phillips School        (301)  
                                     Phillips Programs     470-1620  
                                     Ms. Judy Miller

Rockville                 Thomas Spriggs Wootton (301)  
                                     High School            279-8550  
                                     Montgomery County  
                                     Public Schools  
                                     Dr. Rebecca Newman

Ijamsville                Windsor Knolls Middle (240)  
                                     School                    236-5000  
                                     Frederick County Public  
                                     Schools  
                                     Ms. Donna Faith

**Michigan**

Rochester Hills         Avondale Middle School (248)  
                                     Avondale School District 852-2600  
                                     Dr. Derrick Fries

Midland                    Herbert Henry Dow High (989)  
                                     School                    923-5382  
                                     Midland Public Schools  
                                     Ms. Janice Goodall

Grand Rapids            Northview High School (616)  
                                     Northview Public Schools 363-4857  
                                     Mr. Timothy Wood

Rochester Hills         Philip A. Hart Middle (248)  
                                     School                    651-2930  
                                     Rochester Community  
                                     Schools  
                                     Mrs. Cherly Tocco

Detroit                    Renaissance High School (313)  
                                     Detroit Public Schools 494-7212  
                                     Dr. Irma Hamilton

**Minnesota**

Eagan                      Eagan High School    (651)  
                                     Independent School    683-6900  
                                     District #196  
                                     Dr. Thomas Wilson

**Mississippi**

Ocean Springs      Ocean Springs Middle (228)  
   School      872-6210  
   Ocean Springs School  
   District  
   Mr. Greg Denyer

**Missouri**

Columbia      Ann Hawkins Gentry (573)  
   Middle School      886-4900  
   Columbia Public Schools  
   Dr. Debra Corkery

Wildwood      Lafayette High School (636)  
   Rockwood School District 458-7200  
   Dr. Dan Edwards

Blue Springs      Moreland Ridge Middle (816)  
   School      224-1800  
   Blue Springs School  
   District  
   Dr. Nancy Stonner

St. Louis      Robert H. Sperreng (314)  
   Middle School      729-2420  
   Lindberg School District  
   Dr. Robert Ayres

Glencoe      Rockwood Valley Middle (636)  
   School      458-7324  
   Rockwood School District  
   Mrs. Laura Finucane

St. Louis      Ursuline Academy-St. (314)  
   Louis      966-4556  
   Dr. Patricia Hensley

**Montana**

Corvallis      Corvallis Middle School (406)  
   Corvallis School District 961-3007  
   #1  
   Dr. Tom Miller

**Nebraska**

Omaha      Millard West High School (402)  
   Millard Public Schools 894-6000  
   Dr. Richard Kolowski

Omaha      Peter Kiewit Middle (402)  
   School      691-1470  
   Millard Public Schools  
   Mr. Phillip Koch

**Nevada**

Las Vegas Las Vegas Academy of (702)  
International Studies, 799-7800  
Performing & Visual Arts  
Clark County School  
District  
Mr. Robert Gerye

**New Jersey**

Cherry Hill Cherry Hill High School (856)  
East 424-2222  
Cherry Hill School  
District  
Mr. James Gallagher

Jackson Christa McAuliffe Middle (732)  
School 833-4701  
Jackson Township  
Mr. Terrence Kenney

Rumson Forrestdale School (732)  
Rumson School District 842-0383  
Ms. Nancy Guthrie

Hackettstown Hackettstown Middle (908)  
School 852-8554  
Hackettstown School  
District  
Mrs. Linda Nick

Flemington Hunterdon Central (908)  
Regional High School 284-7155  
Ms. Lisa Brady

Neptune Monmouth County (732)  
Academy 775-0058  
of Allied Health and  
Science  
Monmouth County  
Vocational Schools  
Mr. Timothy McCorkell

Annandale North Hunterdon High (908)  
School 713-4110  
North  
Hunterdon-Voorhees  
Regional High School  
District  
Mr. Michael Hughes

**New York**

Clarence Clarence High School (716)  
Clarence Central School 759-8311  
District  
Mr. Joseph Gentile

Hastings-on-Hudson	Hastings High School Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District Dr. Thomas Fazio	(914) 478-6252
Bronx	Hostos Lincoln Academy of Science Adult Alternative and Continuing Education Dr. Michele Cataldi	(718) 518-4333
New Rochelle	Iona Preparatory School Mr. Anthony Baxter	(914) 632-0714
Liverpool	Soule Road Middle School Liverpool Central School District Mr. Robert Sheitz	(315) 453-1283
New York	The Dominican Academy of the City of New York Sister Martha Kunesh	(212) 744-0195
New Rochelle	The Ursuline School of New Rochelle Sister Jean Baptiste Nicholson, OSU	(914) 636-3950
<b>North Carolina</b>		
Asheville	A.C. Reynolds High School Buncombe County Schools Dr. Tony Baldwin	(828) 298-2500
Cary	Cary High School Wake County Public Schools Mr. David Coley	(919) 460-3549
<b>Ohio</b>		
Pepper Pike	Ballard Brady Middle School Orange City School District Mr. Stephen Hegner	(216) 831-8600
Beachwood	Beachwood High School Beachwood City School District Mrs. Ruth Friedman	(216) 831-2080
Cincinnati	Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy High School Dr. Joan Miracle	(513) 247-0900

Liberty Township	Liberty Junior School (513) Lakota Local School 777-4420 District Mr. Ronald Spurlock
Cincinnati	Mariemont High School (513) Mariemont City Schools 272-7600 Mr. Thomas Crosby
Cincinnati	Mother of Mercy High (513) School 661-2740 Archdiocese of Cincinnati Sister Nancy Merkle, RSM
New Albany	New Albany High School (614) Plain Local Schools 855-7331 Mr. Scott Stewart
New Albany	New Albany Middle (614) School 855-2030 Plain Local Schools Mrs. Madeline Partlow
Toledo	Notre Dame Academy (419) Diocese of Toledo 475-9359 Sister Mary Carol Gregory, SND
Toledo	Ottawa Hills (419) Junior/Senior High 536-4647 School Ottawa Hills Local School District Mr. James Yockey
Cincinnati	Saint Ursula Academy (513) Mrs. Frances Reardon 961-3410 Romweber
Columbus	St. Francis DeSales High (614) School 267-7808 Diocese of Columbus Mr. Patrick Rossetti
Cuyahoga Falls	Walsh Jesuit High School (303) Mr. H. James Schulz(330) 929-4205
Mason	William Mason High (513) School 398-5025 Mason City School District Mrs. Amy Spicher

**Oklahoma**

Edmond	Central Middle School (405) Edmond Public Schools 340-2890 Mrs. Tara Fair
Edmond	Edmond Memorial High (405) School 340-2850 Edmond Public Schools Mr. Bob Morrison
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Abington	Abington Junior High (215) School 884-4700 Abington School District Mr. Cornelius McCarthy Jr.
Bala Cynwyd	Bala Cynwyd Middle (610) School 664-4500 Lower Merion School District Dr. Patricia Haupt
Doylestown	Central Bucks High (215) School - East 794-7481 Central Bucks School District Dr. A. Joseph Jennelle
Chambersburg	Chambersburg Area (717) Middle School 261-3385 Chambersburg Area School District Mr. Barry Purvis
Pittsburgh	Fort Couch Middle (412) School 833-1600 Upper St. Clair School District Dr. Timothy Steinhauer
Hershey	Hershey Middle School (717) Derry Township School 531-2222 District Mr. Kevin Fillgrove
Doylestown	Holicong Middle School (215) Central Bucks School 794-7434 District Mrs. Nancy Silvious
Lewisburg	Lewisburg Area Middle (570) School 523-3220 Lewisburg Area School District Mr. Floyd Walters

Langhorne Maple Point Middle (215)  
School 752-6900  
Neshaminy School  
District  
Mr. Raymond Kelly

Kintnersville Palisades High School (610)  
Palisades School District 847-5131  
Mr. David Piperato

Sewickley Quaker Valley Middle (412)  
School 749-5079  
Quaker Valley School  
District  
Dr. Deborah Deakin  
Nickel

Wallingford Strath Haven High School (610)  
Wallingford-Swarthmore 892-3400  
School District  
Mr. Albert Bichner

King of Prussia Upper Merion Area High (610)  
School 337-6032  
Upper Merion Area  
School District  
Mr. Donald Sisson

King of Prussia Upper Merion Area (610)  
Middle School 337-6053  
Upper Merion Area  
School District  
Mr. John Adiletto

**Rhode Island**

Barrington Barrington High School (401)  
Barrington Public Schools 247-3150  
Mr. John Gray

Riverside St. Mary Academy, Bay (401)  
View 434-0113  
Diocese of Providence  
Ms. Colleen Gribbin

**South Carolina**

Myrtle Beach Academy for the Arts, (843)  
Science, and Technology 839-1412  
Horry County Schools  
District  
Mr. Joe Dowling

**Tennessee**

Nashville Davidson Academy (615)  
Dr. Jean Litterer 860-5329

**Texas**

Allen	Allen High School (972) Allen Independent School District Mr. Bob Caudle	727-0400
Bandera	Bandera High School (830) Bandera Independent School District Mr. Michael Nesbit	796-6254
Blanco	Blanco Middle School (830) Blanco Independent School District Dr. Jon Ford	833-5570
Round Rock	C.D. Fulkes Middle School (512) Round Rock Independent School District Mr. Terrence Eaton	428-3100
Houston	Carlos Watkins Middle School (281) Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Ms. Diana Lewis	463-5850
Plano	Clark High School (469) Plano Independent School District Mrs. Karen McDonald	752-7510
Colleyville	Colleyville Heritage High School (817) Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District Dr. Marlin Stanberry	358-4700
Coppell	Coppell High School (972) Coppell Independent School District Mr. Jimmy Spann	471-2002
Decatur	Decatur High School (940) Decatur Independent School District Mrs. Melinda Reeves	627-2155
Dripping Springs	Dripping Springs Middle School (512) Dripping Springs Independent School District Mr. Tyler Dameron	858-4902

Freeport	Freeport Intermediate School	(979) 233-7285
	Brazosport Independent School District	
	Mrs. Clara Sale-Davis	
Dallas	George Bannerman Dealey Montessori Academy	(972) 794-8400
	Dallas Independent School District	
	Ms. Vivian Taylor	
San Antonio	Incarnate Word High School	(210) 829-3100
	University of the Incarnate Word	
	Mr. Andrew Noga	
San Antonio	Kingsborough Middle School	(210) 921-4428
	Harlandale Independent School District	
	Mr. David Stelmazewski	
Wichita Falls	Kirby Jr High	(940)
	Math-Science-Technology Magnet Wichita Falls Independent School District	716-2900
	Mrs. Dianne Taylor	
Houston	Klein Forest High School	(281)
	Klein Independent School District	586-4550
	Mr. L Spencer	
Dallas	Lake Highlands High School	(469) 593-1000
	Richardson Independent School District	
	Dr. Bob Iden	
Austin	Lamar Middle School	(512)
	Austin Independent School District	414-3217
	Ms. Patricia Lyle	
Missouri City	Lawrence E. Elkins High School	(281) 634-2600
	Fort Bend Independent School District	
	Mrs. Sharon McGlaun	

Irving	MacArthur High School (972) Irving Independent School District Mrs. Tracie Fraley	261-2100
Justin	Northwest High School (817) Northwest Independent School District Mr. Jim Chadwell	215-0200
El Paso	Ranchland Hills Middle School (915) Ysleta Independent School District Ms. Maria Greenup	434-2300
Universal City	Randolph Middle School (210) Randolph Field Independent School District Mr. Bruce Cannon	357-2400
Katy	Rodger and Ellen Beck Junior High School (281) Katy Independent School District Dr. Linda Menius	647-3300
Pasadena	V.W. Miller Intermediate School (713) Pasadena Independent School District Ms. Darla Massey	948-4200
<b>Virginia</b>		
Arlington	Yorktown High School (703) Arlington Public Schools Dr. Raymond Pasi	228-5400
<b>Washington</b>		
Seattle	Holy Names Academy (206) Archdiocese of Seattle Mrs. Elizabeth Swift	323-4272
Bellevue	Odle Middle School (425) Bellevue School District Dr. Kenneth Lyon	456-6600
<b>West Virginia</b>		
Wheeling	Sherrard Junior High School (304) Marshall County Schools Mr. James Asplund	233-3331

**Wisconsin**

Wales

Kettle Moraine High (262)  
School 968-6200  
Kettle Moraine School  
District  
Dr. Betty Womack and  
Mrs. Mary Schwartz

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