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Mr. Leon Pilewski
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The West Virginia Board of Education would like to congratulate you for being recognized as one of the best schools in West Virginia! Being named a School of Excellence and/or West Virginia Blue Ribbon School places your school in a very elite group. You are now recognized as a model for other schools throughout our great state.

West Virginia is proud of your school's excellence in teaching and instruction, student achievement, leadership, and parental involvement. We are most proud that you represent what we feel is critical in schools:

- high student achievement and a rigorous and challenging curriculum for all students;
- a disciplined, supportive, safe and drug-free environment;
- participatory leadership and a strong partnership among the family, school, and community;
- active teaching and learning and an environment that strengthens teacher skills and improvement; and
- documented student achievement.

Most important is your continued improvement and your willingness to share with other schools your success stories. Thank you for representing West Virginia as a model school.

Please mark your calendar for July 30, 2002, that's the date you and some of your staff will be honored in Charleston with a banquet at the Charleston Marriott Hotel that evening. Mr. Smedley will be sending you some additional information in the near future. Again, congratulations on this great honor.

Sincerely,



David Stewart
State Superintendent of Schools

cc: Dr. Carl Friebel