



City Honors School

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Dear CHS Families and Staff:

I am excited to notify you that this afternoon the United States Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona, named City Honors as a **2024 National Blue Ribbon School!**

This recognizes our school as a model for effective teaching, intentional collaboration, a caring environment and academic excellence. The Department of Education selected 356 schools for this accolade out of nearly 130,000 K-12 schools in our nation. This is truly something for our school community and city to celebrate!

I want to emphasize that this recognition belongs to every member of our school community—students, parents and staff members. This could not have happened without your support of our unique curriculum based around acceleration and the International Baccalaureate program, as well as a specialized education for students with autism. Each day, our teachers and paraprofessionals work to provide the highest quality instruction to our students. Our students are extraordinarily committed to their studies and involved in activities beyond the classroom at remarkable levels. Our families are there every step of the way to ensure their children have the support they need to succeed.

Last winter, the New York State Department of Education identified City Honors to represent our state as a Blue Ribbon candidate based on our high level of success with a wide range of students. Over the course of the spring, we collaborated to write and submit an extensive application which detailed our school culture, programs, assessments, instructional practices, professional development, leadership, family and community involvement.

I would like to thank the following members of our school community who assisted in writing this application: Cassie Cammarata (co-chair), Danielle Grzymala, Elissa Banas, Elizabeth Dirr, Maria Monaco, Melissa Zorn, Brittany Gillotti, Elena Dokshansky, Annie Shea, Amy Stephens, Jon Zasowski, Jackie Yager, Richard Ziolo, Nicole Roche, Lisa Sauer and Christie Allman.

We must also thank the Buffalo Board of Education and our Superintendent Dr. Tonja Williams Knight for their support and endorsement of our Blue Ribbon application.

In the weeks to come, we will have some special ways to congratulate our staff and students on this accomplishment. I encourage your family to celebrate in your own way this evening!

Sincerely,

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