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## **College Park Elementary School Receives "Schools of Recognition" Award From DPI For Second Year**

GREENDALE -- For the second consecutive year, Greendale's College Park Elementary has been recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as a Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition. The school earned "High Achieving" recognition for 2016-2017 based on its students' standardized testing achievement, which was within the top ten percent of state Title I schools experiencing student growth in reading and math and its achievement gaps between groups were lower than the state average, meaning that all College Park students were performing at high levels.

To receive this Schools of Recognition award, schools must meet state test-participation and attendance goals, and receive Title I funds based on state guidelines, which include having significant numbers of students enrolled from low income families based on federal free and reduced price school meal income guidelines.

"This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the work College Park's staff is doing to support students every day. Our teachers go above and beyond expectations to ensure success for each of their students. Their collaborative approach to problem solving and classroom planning creates an exciting and positive culture of learning," said Kerry Owens-Bur, principal.

"Congratulations to all members of the College Park Community on this award!" said Kim Amidzich, Greendale Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction. "Our District's work on narrowing achievement gaps among our various student demographic groups continues to be successful across our schools. This is evident in how we consistently meet and exceed growth goals for students because of strong instructional delivery and classroom practices, collaboration among teachers, and focused professional development."

State Superintendent Tony Evers hosted an awards program in Madison on May 1 to further recognize Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition award recipients. College Park received a plaque to mark the distinction with Sara Kornowski, College Park third grade teacher, accepted the award on behalf of College Park staff and students. A listing of statewide schools earning this recognition can be found here: [https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017\\_39.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_39.pdf)

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