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College Park Elementary School Receives "Schools of Recognition" Award From DPI For Third Year

GREENDALE -- For the third 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. This year, the school earned "High Achieving" and "High Progress" recognition for 2017-2018 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, indicating that all College Park students are 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.

"I am humbled and proud to be a part of such a strong community of learners at College Park. Our students, families and staff go above and beyond each day to be sure each child is supported in their learning. The strong sense of inclusion and acceptance of each member of our school creates a positive school climate where all students feel welcome," said Kerry Owens-Bur, principal. "Each staff member, student and parent plays an important role in the success of our school."

"Our District schools consistently meet and exceed growth expectations for students because of strong instructional delivery and classroom practices, consistent teacher collaboration methods, and high-quality, teacher-driven professional development," said Kim Amidzich, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. "We are appreciative of the DPI's recognition of College Park and our entire school community celebrates this success."

State Superintendent Tony Evers hosted an awards program in Madison on May 21 to further recognize Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition award recipients. College Park received a plaque to mark the distinction with Emily Wendlake, College Park English Language Learners teacher, accepted the award on behalf of College Park staff and students.

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Statewide, the 2018 Title I Schools of Recognition include 24 High-Achieving schools, 40 High-Progress schools, and 87 Beating-the-Odds schools. Sixteen schools, including College Park, have earned honors in two categories. This year's 135 Title I School of Recognition Award recipients include 111 elementary schools serving K-8 students, 18 middle or junior high schools, and six high schools. A listing of statewide schools earning this recognition can be found [here](#).

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