

From The White House: “Every classroom across America has the potential to shape our Nation’s course, and all students deserve the opportunity to add their unique voice to the American story. The National Blue Ribbon event provides an opportunity to recognize schools that are making great strides in fostering academic excellence and closing the achievement gap. CONGRATULATIONS on this honor. As you reflect on your successes and look toward the progress of tomorrow, please know how grateful I am for your devotion to educating and empowering our youth. You and your students have my best wishes. ***President Barack Obama***

From the Department of Education: You are inspiring examples of how staff, parents, administrators and community leaders can work together on behalf of young people. National Blue Ribbon Schools demonstrate that with high expectations, intensive collaboration and dedication to every student’s well-being, it is possible for all students to receive an education that will prepare them for our rapidly changing world. Your commitment to a “no excuses” approach is creating possibilities for the next generation. As 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools, you show what is possible. Congratulations on your accomplishments and for rising to the challenge of excellence in education. ***Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education***

From Rhonda: It was with the utmost pride that I accepted the National Blue Ribbon in honor of YOUR outstanding work each and every day. Karen and Kathi were selected to represent the staff due to the time they spent in the actual writing of the 30 page application. They helped greatly in describing what each of you accomplish every day in making our school the best in the Nation. It was simply amazing being in Washington DC with principals representing the outstanding 285 public schools and 50 private schools who received this recognition. We represent less than a half of a percent of the 200,000 schools across the United States. I hope you are bragging to all of your friends, relatives and parents about how special you are. Congratulations! You are one of the best staffs in the United States of America!