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NORTH KOSSUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SWEA CITY, IOWA
AS A
2017 EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT GAP CLOSING SCHOOL
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
September 28, 2017**

Congratulations on your recognition as a 2017 Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School, National Blue Ribbon School! Your school is an inspiring example of how teachers, staff, administrators, parents and community leaders can work together to prepare our Nation's young people to be informed and successful citizens.

The U.S. Department of Education is pleased to acknowledge your unwavering commitment to the well-being of every child and your thoughtful innovations in teaching and learning that have made your school an engine of excellence. Our country needs more dedicated administrators, teachers, staff and parents like you.

As a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, you demonstrate what is possible when committed educators create vibrant cultures of learning and provide challenging content in supportive classrooms. I commend your tireless dedication and recognize the difficult yet essential work that you perform in preparing students for the future.

The entire staff of the Department looks forward to celebrating your accomplishments at the 2017 National Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony, November 6-7. Ceremony events will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC. Two representatives from your school are invited to attend. If the principal at the time of nomination is no longer at the school, he or she is also invited to attend.

Congratulations again on your accomplishments and for achieving excellence for all in education. You remind us that through determination and effort, anything is possible. I wish you and your students continued success in the years ahead and urge you to challenge other schools to be the very best.


Betsy DeVos