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**IN HONOR OF
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A 2008 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND-BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**
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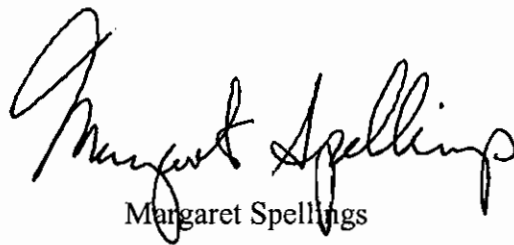
Congratulations! Your school has been named a 2008 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School. This award recognizes your efforts to ensure that every child learns and no child is left behind. Your school is a national model of excellence from which others can take inspiration.

Your dedication to excellence stands as a reminder that it is possible for every student to benefit from a challenging education. You have shown that grade-level learning is the minimum standard for success and that students can acquire the advanced skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's world.

President Bush has said, "...we must trust students to learn if given the chance, and empower parents to demand results from our schools. In neighborhoods across our country, there are boys and girls with dreams -- and a decent education is their only hope of achieving them." Thanks to you and your fellow NCLB-Blue Ribbon Schools, the dreams of America's young people are brought within reach. These leaders of tomorrow, as well as our whole country, will benefit from the investments we make now in their success.

The principal and a teacher from your school are invited to Washington, DC, October 20-21, for events at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington, Virginia. Our Office of Communications and Outreach will provide you with additional information.

We at the U.S. Department of Education commend you for your dedication to excellence in education and for putting that dedication into action. We are honored to share this exciting award with you and your colleagues. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with our NCLB-Blue Ribbon Schools partners -- the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Middle School Association, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



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