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2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award: Altoona Intermediate School is Among the Highest Performers Nationwide in "Closing the Gaps"

Today, 367 schools were recognized nationwide as 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools, and Altoona Intermediate School, serving grades 4-5, is among them, one of just eight schools to earn this honor in Wisconsin.

The U.S. Education Department recognizes the award-winning schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates: Exemplary High Performing Schools, and Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools, the category of Altoona Intermediate School's award.

The coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

AIS principal, Andrea Steffen, recognizes her school community in making this award a reality. "I'm so proud of our school. We have a positive, fun culture and are truly a community of learners, both students and adults. We wouldn't be celebrating this honor without their relentless and consistent way of working together and focusing on our priorities."

"The National Blue Ribbon Award is the highest honor a school can receive. It celebrates that Altoona Intermediate School is a school that attains educational equity and high levels of learning for all students, regardless of their background. We're proud of AIS for their consistent work resulting in this high honor," said Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos, Superintendent.

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on November 12 and 13.

https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/20wil08pu_altoona_intermediate_school.html

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