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## **Nine New Jersey Schools Earn National Blue Ribbon Award from U.S. Department of Education**

**Trenton, NJ** – Today the U.S. Department of Education announced that nine New Jersey public schools earned the Blue Ribbon designation for high student achievement. These schools are among the state’s highest performing schools as measured by student growth, statewide assessment performance, graduation rates, and student group performance.

“Congratulations to these schools for earning this prestigious designation,” said Kevin Dehmer, New Jersey’s Interim Commissioner of Education. “New Jersey public schools are widely considered among the best in the nation, and these nine schools are exemplars of that level of excellence. All of the school administrators, educators, parents, students, and others involved with each of these school communities ought to be proud of their accomplishments.”

National Blue Ribbon Schools are honored at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where each receives a plaque and flag to signify its exemplary status. Details of the public and private schools that received the Blue Ribbon designation are provided on the U.S. Department of Education’s [website](#).

The New Jersey public schools receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools designation include:

<b>County</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Bergen</b>	Bogota Public School District	Lillian M. Steen Elementary School
<b>Bergen</b>	Fair Lawn Public School District	Henry B. Milnes Elementary School
<b>Essex</b>	North Caldwell Public Schools	Gould School
<b>Hudson</b>	Hudson County Schools of Technology	County Prep High School
<b>Hunterdon</b>	Tewksbury Township School District	Old Turnpike School
<b>Monmouth</b>	Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District	Clark Mills School
<b>Morris</b>	Denville Township School District	Riverview Elementary School
<b>Ocean</b>	Island Heights School District	Island Heights Elementary School
<b>Union</b>	Linden Public School District	School No. 5

