

April 12, 2018

Gina Cornu-Zacharias, Principal
Banta Elementary School
328 Sixth Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Ms. Cornu-Zacharias:

I am pleased to inform you that your school has earned a 2017-18 Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition Award. Once again, recipients of 2017-18 awards qualify on the basis of being High-Achieving, High-Progress, and/or Beating the Odds (see the enclosed document identifying the criteria to qualify for each). Your school qualified as Beating the Odds.

The 2017-18 Title I School of Recognition Award consists of:

- a recognition ceremony **at the State Capitol at noon on Monday, May 21, 2018**, preceded by a reception at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club, a sit-down brunch with other award-winning schools;
- a commemorative plaque; and
- an award logo that may be used on school materials (for example, your school letterhead or website).

Enclosed you will find:

- an agenda for the day's reception and ceremony;
- criteria for earning an award;
- instructions for online registration, **to be submitted by Monday, April 23, 2018**;
- a map of downtown Madison parking information; and
- lodging information at the Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club.

You should have already received an email with electronic registration instructions. Once again, **your school's registration is due by Monday, April 23, 2018**. You may register up to two (2) individuals to attend the reception at the Madison Concourse Hotel on May 21, 2018, and you may select one of those individuals to receive the award at the ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda.

Your school has been assigned a time slot to have your photo taken with State Superintendent, Tony Evers. However, feel free to enter the line when all of your registrants have arrived. Your school is scheduled to have your photo taken at 9:30 AM.

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The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will also notify your respective Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) administrator, state senator, and state assembly representative of your school's award. An invitation will be extended to them to attend the recognition ceremony at the State Capitol.

If you have questions regarding the award or the activities on May 21, 2018, please contact Laura Ruckert, education consultant, at (608) 266-8808 or laura.ruckert@dpi.wi.gov; or Cecelia Timmons, education specialist at cecelia.timmons@dpi.wi.gov. I commend you and your entire school staff on this achievement. We are excited about this opportunity to share the accomplishments of Wisconsin schools. Many positive educational opportunities exist for students across the state, and your school and other award winners make it possible for us to bring that positive message to others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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Enclosures