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**IN RECOGNITION OF
GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GARFIELD, MINNESOTA
2013 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
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Congratulations on earning recognition as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School. The U.S. Department of Education is pleased to acknowledge your efforts to support every student in meeting high academic standards. Your school is an inspiring example of excellence in education.

President Obama and I firmly believe that making a world-class education available to every young person is critical if our nation is to meet the challenges of the future. As an exemplary school, you are integral to fulfilling this generational commitment.

I commend you for establishing solid educational foundations, setting high standards and expectations, and using data to tailor instruction to students' needs and strengths. Your school is a model for the nation. Thank you for your contributions to helping all students realize their potential and their dreams.

I and my colleagues at the U.S. Department of Education look forward to celebrating your accomplishments at the 2013 National Blue Ribbon School awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Recognition events will be held November 18-19, 2013, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W. Two representatives from your school are invited to attend.

Congratulations again on your impressive accomplishments. It is my hope that you will become a beacon for other educators, working with them and sharing the practices that make your school so deserving of this national recognition.


Arne Duncan