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FORT MILL, SC — Fort Mill Middle School has been recognized by the National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence organization as a 2023 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School.

The Lighthouse School distinction comes after extensive surveys and a two-day site visit, where classrooms were observed and students, parents and teachers were interviewed.

Lighthouse Schools excel in nine categories, including:

- Student Focus and Support
- School Organization and Culture
- Challenging Standards and Curriculum
- Active Teaching and Learning
- Technology Integration
- Professional Community
- Leadership and Educational Vitality
- School, Family, and Community Partnerships
- Indicators of Success

Designation as a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School lasts for five years, at which time the school will be eligible for renewal. Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Schools commit to sharing expertise and exemplary practices with other schools on a local, regional, and national level as well as providing mentoring and networking to schools seeking guidance and assistance in school improvement initiatives.

The award will be presented to Fort Mill Middle School during the Blue Ribbon Schools Conference in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Contemporary Resort at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, December 1.

This is the second Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School named this year in the Fort Mill School District. Gold Hill Middle School was honored earlier this month.

"We are excited that Fort Mill Middle School has been recognized as a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School," said Principal Emily McQuay. "I am thrilled to have our school's teachers and staff recognized for their hard work and their consistent commitment to the success of our students."

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