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WESTAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS A DUAL HONOREE IN THE U.S. NEWS 2024 BEST ELEMENTARY AND BEST MIDDLE SCHOOLS RANKINGS

BUCKEYE (December 5, 2023) – Westar Elementary School is proud to announce its outstanding achievement in the recently published [U.S. News 2024 Best Elementary and Best Middle Schools rankings](#). The school has again secured a place among the top 40% of elementary and middle schools in the state of Arizona, earning the prestigious titles of both a U.S. News Best Elementary School and a Best Middle School.



"We are thrilled to be recognized as both a Best Elementary School and a Best Middle School. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, and staff, as well as the unwavering support of our community," said Dave Bogart, Westar Elementary School Principal.



U.S. News evaluated a staggering 68,000 U.S. public elementary and middle schools, and only nearly 1,100 schools across the nation achieved the distinction of receiving both awards. Westar Elementary School's impressive performance underscores its commitment to academic excellence and student success.

According to the U.S. News & World Report, schools were assessed on their pupils' proficiency in mathematics and reading, as measured by state assessment tests. Half of the ranking formula was the results themselves; the other half was the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics. In other words, the top-ranked schools are high achieving ones that succeeded in educating all of their students.

"Westar Elementary's dual recognition in the U.S. News rankings is a testament to the exceptional educational environment fostered within our district. It highlights the commitment to providing high-quality education that prepares students for success," said Dr. Cort Monroe, LESD25 Superintendent.

About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual

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