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Superintendent Celebrates Bernice A. Ray School as National Blue Ribbon Award Winner

HANOVER, NH – September 24, 2024 - Dr. Jay Badams is proud to announce that the Bernice A. Ray School has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award for 2024. This national recognition, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, honors schools that have achieved high levels of academic excellence or made significant progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

We are thrilled and deeply honored to have Bernice A. Ray School recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. This award reflects the hard work, commitment, and passion that our teachers and staff bring to the classroom each and every day, as well as the relentless drive of our students to reach their full potential. It is truly a community achievement, and we could not be prouder.

Principal Amrhein added,

"We know that no single person or group alone can be successful in educating our students. So many individuals, groups, and stakeholders are responsible for the success of our students. Our teachers and staff members build students' academic and social emotional foundations for their academic journey. With your support, they lay the foundation for students' educational journeys and a lifetime of learning. We are grateful for our bus drivers, custodial staff, Ray Cafe staff, volunteers, PTO, community helpers like the Hanover Police and Fire Departments, our SAU, the Hanover School Board, and the community as a whole for the support it takes to educate and grow our students. It takes a village, and the National Blue Ribbon School status is recognition of the valuable contributions of so many."

About the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program:

The [National Blue Ribbon Schools Program](#), established in 1982, recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. The U.S.



Department of Education aims to shine a spotlight on exemplary teaching and learning through this award.

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