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Deputy Commissioner of Education Visits Northeast School, Praises Students for National Blue Ribbon School Achievement

(VERNON, Connecticut) – Connecticut Deputy Education Commissioner Desi Nesmith visited Vernon’s Northeast School Tuesday to celebrate the school’s achievement of the National Blue Ribbon School award and to congratulate students and teachers for their hard work.

“I want you to know how proud we at the state Department of Education are of all of your hard work,” Deputy Commissioner Nesmith told students gathered outside the school. “Congratulations and thank you for working so hard.”



Fifth graders surround Deputy Education Commissioner Desi Nesmith and Northeast School Principal Brenda Greene as they hold the banner celebrating the school’s National Blue Ribbon School achievement.

The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.

Northeast School was one of only four school in Connecticut and 367 in the nation to be designated a National Blue Ribbon School for 2020. The annual awards program recognizes schools for their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing the achievement gap. Northeast School was recognized for closing the achievement gap, but its students are also top performers in Connecticut.



Deputy Education Commissioner Desi Nesmith speaks to Northeast School fifth graders Tuesday as Northeast Principal Brenda Greene, left, and Vernon Superintendent Dr. Joseph P. Macary look on.

Northeast School has ranked among the top 15 percent of all schools in the state the past two years.

Vernon Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Macary asked the students if they knew why they were being recognized?

“Because we are a great school and we are all great students,” a student replied.

Deputy Commissioner Nesmith presented Northeast School with a banner recognizing the National Blue Ribbon School award and urged the students to keep focused on learning.

“Please keep up the hard work,” Deputy Commissioner Nesmith said. “We are so proud of you and you should be proud of yourselves. Well done Northeast School.”

Additional events to celebrate Northeast School’s achievement are scheduled for this week.

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