



## Schoolcraft Elementary School Will Receive Official Recognition as Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School

**March 9, 2005 Waterford, Mich.** – Schoolcraft Elementary School will receive official recognition as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School from the State Department of Education on Monday, April 4, 1:00 p.m., Schoolcraft Elementary School, 6400 Maceday Drive, Waterford. The Blue Ribbon, the most prestigious education award in the state, distinguishes Schoolcraft for their excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.

Schools selected for recognition prepared an extensive written nomination package representing a thorough self-evaluation. The process involved assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the school and developing improvement plans for the future. When evaluating nominations, the Department of Education looks for overall school quality, including challenging standards and curriculum, excellent teaching, ongoing professional development by teachers and staff members, a safe and supportive school environment, family and community partnerships that contribute to school quality, and high or improving student performance on measures of achievement.

Schoolcraft, along with Haviland and Houghton Elementary Schools, were three of 32 elementary schools selected this year for this award. Haviland and Houghton will receive official recognition from the Department of Education on April 28.

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