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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Michigan Surgeon General Honors Beaumont and Waterford Village Elementary Schools

April 27, 2006 Waterford, Mich. –Michigan Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom recognized Beaumont and Waterford Village Elementary Schools for making significant improvements in their environment related to healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco-free lifestyles. The recognition program is part of the Surgeon General's Michigan Steps Up statewide healthy lifestyles campaign. These Waterford Schools were among 30 who were recognized. More than 200 schools applied for the Healthy School Environment Recognition Program.

The recognition program - developed by the Michigan Steps Up School Group in collaboration with Michigan Action for Healthy Kids - begins with an online application consisting of six sections that complement the components of Michigan Steps Up. Schools are eligible for four recognition levels and are encouraged to increase their level of recognition each year. "Michigan schools, in partnership with parents, have the best opportunity to influence the health behaviors of young people," said Michael Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction. "We are so fortunate in Michigan to have educators who are working to create a healthy environment that will benefit our children for a lifetime."

To learn more about the Healthy School Environment Recognition Program and other resources available for schools, please visit www.mihealthtools.org/healthyschools.asp. For more information about Michigan Steps Up, please visit www.michiganstepsup.org.

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