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## **Beaumont Elementary School Named Prestigious Covey Lighthouse School**

*First Michigan School to Receive this Distinction*

**March 30, 2011 Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford School District is proud to announce that Beaumont Elementary School is the first Michigan school to become a Covey Lighthouse School. In order to achieve this prestigious honor, Beaumont Elementary School has not only participated in the process of implementing *The Leader in Me*, but has achieved extraordinary results and is a model of excellence for other schools. It is the goal of every *Leader in Me School* to achieve transformational results and to qualify for Lighthouse School status by meeting the following requirements:

- Trained school staff (*The Lighthouse Team*) meets regularly and oversees school-wide implementation of the leadership model with students, staff, parents and community members
- School campus environment reinforces the model by adding leadership language displays and bulletins to hallways and classrooms that emphasize individual worth and leadership principles.
- Teachers integrate leadership language into school curriculum and instruction daily.
- Staff collaborates and works together to effectively build a culture of leadership in classrooms and throughout the school.
- Students are provided with meaningful student leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Parents of students understand *The Leader in Me* model and *The 7 Habits* and are involved in activities that support the leadership model.
- Systems are in place for setting and tracking school-wide, classroom, academic and personal goals.

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- School sees improvements resulting from *The Leader in Me* process, which include measuring, collecting baseline data and tracking results.
- School holds a mini or full Leadership Day to share the leadership model with the community, which includes parents, business partners, educators and schools.

Beaumont Elementary School was recognized as a Stephen Covey *Leader in Me School* in fall 2010. The staff at Beaumont Elementary made a strong commitment, as a collective group, to model and implement the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in order to provide a nurturing, empowering and inspiring learning environment for all students.

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