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WYOMING'S 2014 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

CHEYENNE - Today Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill announced that three Wyoming schools are receiving the National Blue Ribbon award.

The three exemplary schools are Glenn Livingston Elementary in Cody, Highland Park Elementary in Sheridan, and Southside Elementary in Powell.

“Congratulations on receiving this award and well deserved recognition. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to your students,” Hill said. “All schools across Wyoming strive for excellence in education, and many face struggles along the way. It is a joy to recognize these few schools and commend them for their perseverance in achieving excellence for their students.”

Sheridan County School District #2 Superintendent Craig Dougherty attributes the success of Highland Park to the collaborative team there that focuses on each child. “Through their collaborative grade level teams and phenomenal instruction, each child achieves at the highest levels. Student learning is the number one focus of the Highland Park staff.”

Glenn Livingston Principal, Mike Wood, describes much of his school’s success as a product of the local community. “At Cody, students in general value education and are dedicated toward learning. That attitude is crucial to achievement. By receiving instruction from a skilled and dedicated staff and coming from homes with very supportive parents, the students at Glenn Livingston continue to excel at the highest levels.”

Mrs. Jones, a fourth grade teacher at Southside says the success of her school comes from the hard work put forth by everyone. “We work very hard to make sure the students are challenged and that they enjoy learning. Our system of intervention ensures that every child receives remediation and enrichment for her or his individual needs based on formative data. We appreciate the progressive attitude and support of our district leadership to ensure the highest quality of education possible.”

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program sets a standard of excellence for all schools striving for the highest level of achievement. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education seeks schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. This program honors public and non-public elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students. For more information about the program click [here](#).

Each school will be honored with a ceremony in early November.

Highland Park, Sheridan - November 5: 9:00 am

Glenn Livingston, Cody - November 6: 9:00 am

Southside School, Powell - November 6: 2:00 pm

For more information about the Blue Ribbon School program please contact Jennifer Peterson at jennifer.peterson@wyo.gov or 307-777-6216.

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