



September 15, 2009

Dear Superintendent Webster:

I am pleased to announce that U. S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan today designated William Sidney Mount Elementary School as a Blue Ribbon School for 2009.

William Sidney Mount Elementary School is one of 19 public and private schools from New York to receive this award for excellence in education. This award acknowledges their efforts to help ensure that every child achieves and attains higher levels of performance and recognizes the school's improvements in student achievement. The schools will receive a plaque and a flag at the Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony in November.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are academically superior or have shown dramatic improvement in student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. These schools will serve as models for other schools throughout the nation and details of the achievements will be shared with others on the U. S. Department of Education's website.

Sincerely,

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