



THREE LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Press Release

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## Three Lakes Elementary Named 2019-20 School of Recognition

**Three Lakes, Wisconsin** — The School District of Three Lakes is pleased to announce that Three Lakes Elementary has been recognized as a High-Progress Title I School of Recognition for the 2019-20 school year. School of Recognition awards are presented to schools that use federal Title 1 funding to provide additional resources and services to economically disadvantaged students. To receive the award, schools must reach goals for test participation, attendance and graduation rates.

"I am very proud of our staff, parents, volunteers and students for earning this recognition," said Three Lakes Elementary Principal Steve Gruszynski. "We focus on this every day as a school community, putting strategies in place to address the needs of all of our students at all levels of learning."

State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor announced that 107 schools in the state have received Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition honors for the 2019-20 school year. Schools could be recognized for one or more of the following categories: High-Achieving, High Progress and Beating-the-Odds.

Three Lakes Elementary also received School of Recognition honors during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. During those years, the school was recognized as a "Beating the Odds" school, which is defined as having assessed achievement levels in the top 25 percent of schools in the state where higher-than-average poverty levels are present. This year, Three Lakes Elementary earned High-Progress recognition, meaning the school is within the top 10 percent of schools experiencing student growth in reading and math and has a narrow achievement gap of three points or less or narrowing significantly.

"This award is special to our staff because we focus on these goals every day," Gruszynski said. "None of this happens without a team approach that includes very strong parent support and encouragement."

Typically, the awards are given at a state-wide banquet in May. However, out of an abundance of caution during the COVID-19 crisis, the banquet has been canceled, and plaques will be mailed to each school district.

**About TLSD** - Three Lakes School District is located in Oneida County, Wisconsin, in the heart of the Northwoods. Our district includes Sugar Camp Elementary, Three Lakes Elementary and Three Lakes Jr./Sr. High schools and the communities of Hiles, Monico, Piehl, Stella, Sugar Camp and Three Lakes. Our award-winning district has received a 2017 Magna Award Honorable Mention and has been recognized as a Title 1 School of Recognition.