

October School Talk Article: Caledonia High School - National Blue Ribbon School

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate the school staff, students, parents, and community members on the recent recognition of Caledonia High School as a National Blue Ribbon School.

It is refreshing to receive recognition for the great work happening in the Caledonia Area Public School District. I feel the success of our students is directly attributable to grit and tenacity. The grit and tenacity of our students is directly attributable to the grit and tenacity of the communities of Brownsville, Caledonia, Eitzen and Freeburg and the area surrounding these communities.

While this honor has been bestowed on the High School, it is really a testament to every employee's work from preschool through 12th grade. The dedication of our staff is amazing. I recently shared the following with employees of Caledonia Area Public Schools.

"When I use the term educator, it is an all inclusive term meaning anyone who works with, or on behalf of students. As educators we make a difference every day. It is sometimes hard to recognize this is happening, because the fruits of our labor are not always apparent. The good you do today may not be seen for a long time...maybe ever! But, you are planting seeds that will take root."

I also told them moments like we are experiencing are rare and encouraged them to take some time to enjoy the fruits of their labors and let them know they make a difference.

While Caledonia High School is being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, I believe it is because we have amazing students, parents, and educators who make a difference and I am proud to work with each and every one of these difference makers.

While we are receiving recognition of where we are, please know that we are not where we want to be, and will continue to strive to be better each and every day. We will strive to make incremental improvements towards excellence.

"It takes a village to raise a child." We are fortunate to be part of an amazing village, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to thank the villagers for their dedication and commitment to the youth and future leaders being raised. Thank you!

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Go Warriors!