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Evers congratulates state's 2017 Green Ribbon School award recipients

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers congratulated two public schools, one school district, and one postsecondary institution from Wisconsin that were among 63 educational institutions named 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools.

The two state public school awardees — **Houlton Elementary School** in the Hudson School District and **Kromrey Middle School** in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District — are among only 45 schools recognized nationwide as a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Additionally, the **Washburn School District** was among only nine nationwide to receive the District Sustainability Award, and the **University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point** was one of nine institutions that received a Postsecondary Sustainability Award.

“Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition,” Evers said. “This year’s Green Ribbon honorees are working on environmental literacy and connections to the community through place-based, hands-on learning. Be it in a school garden, a conservancy out their back door, or on the shores of nearby Lake Superior, these students are connecting what they learn every day with our great state.”

The Green Ribbon Schools program, in its sixth year, recognizes early learning centers, schools, school districts, and postsecondary institutions that demonstrate promising practices to improve the health of students and staff members, reduce environmental impact and utility costs, and engage students in hands-on learning experiences. The 2017 award recipients will be recognized at a national event in Washington, D.C., on July 19.

Evers nominated the school and district awardees after they achieved “Sugar Maple” status in the state’s Green and Healthy Schools program. Green and Healthy Schools Wisconsin is a partnership of the departments of Public Instruction and Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education.

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VIDEO: “[Doing Sustainability in Any School](#),” showcases conservation and sustainability efforts by students and staff at Purdy Elementary in Fort Atkinson, a 2012 Green Ribbon School. The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/ppZihXmONCQ>.

NOTES: More information about the 2017 honorees can be found in a [Highlights Report released May 4, 2017](#), available online at <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/performance.html>. This news release is available electronically at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_49.pdf.