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Two Los Altos School District Schools Receive National Blue Ribbon Nominations

The California Department of Education has nominated two Los Altos School District schools to receive a prestigious National Blue Ribbon from the United States Department of Education: Blach and Egan Junior High Schools. There are more than 12,000 public, charter and private schools in California, and only 35 were nominated for this highly-esteemed award. Los Altos School District is honored to have both of our junior high schools nominated for the sustained exemplary achievement of their students and school communities.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either high performing or have significantly improved student achievement. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds.

To be nominated for the Blue Ribbon Award, both Blach and Egan have maintained excellence in State test scores over a sustained period of time. Both schools regularly rank as top scoring schools in the State of California. State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson nominated Blach and Egan for the federal award.

"Blach and Egan are shining examples of excellence thanks to the tireless efforts of the teachers, staff members and the administration and support from our strong community," said Jeffrey Baier, superintendent of the Los Altos School District. "Just like every LASD school, these two schools are focused on the academic, social and emotional needs of each and every student and work diligently to ensure their success. Both schools have cultures of total commitment, strong parent involvement, collaboration among teachers, high expectations, and, ultimately, success for students. Congratulations to both Blach and Egan Junior High Schools."

Following a validation process through the United States Department of Education, representatives from Blach, Egan and Los Altos School District will attend a ceremony in Washington D.C. this fall.

About Los Altos School District

Los Altos School district operates seven elementary and two junior high schools and is a top-rated school district in the State of California. LASD serves more than 4,500 K-8 students from portions of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto. All nine schools in LASD have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and/or National Blue Ribbon Schools. LASD is nationally recognized as a leader in educational innovation and for its many awards. Read more about LASD programs at [iLearn Blogspot](#) and follow on Twitter [@lasdk8](#).

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