Three Schools Named National Blue Ribbon School Nominees

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Three Williamson County Schools have been selected as nominees for the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award. Hillsboro School, Kenrose Elementary and Trinity Elementary are among six nominees from the State of Tennessee.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either high-performing or have improved student achievement to high levels. The program sets a standard of excellence for all schools striving for the highest level of achievement.

“Our teachers and staff work hard to maximize the learning experience of every Kenrose student every day, and this recognition is very affirming,” said Kenrose Principal Dr. Marilyn Webb. “We have fantastic students, and our parent and community support is exceptional. Thank you to everyone whose work and support has made Kenrose eligible for this nomination.”

Principal Kari Miller says the staff at Hillsboro is thrilled to be a National Blue Ribbon School Award nominee for the State of Tennessee.

"This school year, we’ve adopted the 'Hot Tamales' theme because of our sizzling student achievement and red-hot academic growth," said Miller. "This Blue Ribbon nomination is evidence that our students are on fire at Hillsboro."

For Trinity Elementary Principal Chris Schwartz, the recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of her teachers, students and staff.

“I am so proud that Trinity Elementary School has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School,” said Trinity Principal Chris Schwartz. “This recognition confirms what I have known for quite some time about the commitment to student achievement, dedication and professionalism of the Trinity staff.”

This year, only elementary schools can be nominated for the award. The three schools must now apply for the award. Applications will then go through two rounds of review to ensure quality, accuracy and eligibility. The Department of Education will announce the National Blue Ribbon Schools in September.

Brentwood Middle School was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2006; Grassland Middle received the award in 2004; and Page High won the award in 2011.