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Worthington Christian Elementary School, Columbus, OH “Breaking News”

Johnny Parizek, Anchor: We interrupt to bring you breaking news just released by John King, Jr., the United States Secretary of Education. King just announced that Worthington Christian Elementary School has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon school of excellence in the exemplary high performance category. Let’s go to Cameron on location at Worthington Christian Elementary. Cam.

Cam Glassburn, Reporter: Thanks, Johnny. I am here with Head of School Troy McIntosh and Elementary School Principal Jim Parrish. What can you tell us about this award?

Troy McIntosh, Head of School: The National Blue Ribbon School Program is one of the most widely recognized and prestigious awards in the United States for school excellence. Only 50 schools¹ received this award this year and in order to even apply for the award, a school must be within the top 15% of all schools nationwide on standardized test performance in every subject area. Each of our three schools qualified to apply for the award, even though we applied only for the elementary school this year.

Jim Parrish, Principal: I am excited for our whole elementary community, for our students, for our faculty, staff, and our parents to be recognized with this national award. It speaks of so many things. It speaks of God’s grace it speaks of the diligent efforts of the faculty day in and day out, week in and week out, as well as the efforts of the students, not to mention the support of the parents. We are very, very grateful and thankful for this award. God is at work here at Worthington Christian and we are so proud to be a part of that and a part of His plan. We want very much to encourage our students to love Him with their minds as well as their hearts. To celebrate this award, the PTF will be putting on a

¹ 50 private schools; 280 public schools received National Blue Ribbon School status.

celebration. We are going to be doing a combined chapel outside. Some information will be going home to all of the families shortly.

Troy McIntosh: At Worthington Christian we have always believed that our mission is to develop the mind of Christ in our students. We believe that this award proves that not only can it be done but probably ought to be done with the highest academic standards. We want to thank everybody who has been a part of our community and for playing a part in this.

Cam: Thank you. Representatives from WC will be traveling to Washington DC November 7th through the 8th to receive the award representation from the Secretary of Education. Stay tuned for the details to break. Reporting live from the news National Blue Ribbon School. Thank you. Back to you.

Johnny: Thanks for the report, Cameron. Congratulations to the entire WCS community on a job well done.