
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program

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“That’s Us!” Weiner ES, Weiner, AR

The school is assembled in the auditorium to watch the press release of the 2016 National Blue Ribbon School award winners.

John B. King, Jr., US Secretary of Education: Congratulations to the 329 National Blue Ribbon Schools of 2016. As a former social studies teacher and middle school principal, I understand the tough choices you have to make each day. It takes courage to do the right thing for children even in the face of significant challenges. Students, teachers, and administrators deserve the highest praise. You are a shining example for your communities, your state, and the nation. You represent public and non-public, traditional and charter schools in 42 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense schools at Fort Benning Georgia, Ramstein Germany and Seoul Korea.

As a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School, you are already leading your students to the highest levels of achievement or making outstanding progress in closing the achievement gaps. This honor recognizes your students’ accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success. Your journeys have required collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships within the school and with your community. Congratulations on receiving this honor and thank you for all you do.

Musical interlude with slideshow of awarded schools. Applause and cheers when Weiner Elementary School school comes up.

Pam Hogue, Principal: I want to remind everybody while I have everybody gathered together, we have some parents here, and administrators here, and media people here; so I want to remind everybody that we are not here celebrating just the school we are celebrating a community that has made this happen. This is what made Weiner Elementary one of the best schools in the United States. Can you believe that? (*Applause*). This award is for everybody, for our parents and community members that are here. It is for Mr. Tawshin who has

always been a great supporter for us and for our school board. It is for Mr. Worley our assistant superintendent. You don't know him yet. I think I saw him in our building working on computers. Mr. Sample our superintendent. (*Applause*). This happened because of the hard work of all of the people I said before, but especially because of the hard work of you all. You did it. You worked hard and you made us so proud. Teachers and staff I can't tell you how much it means to me that you are a part of this.

Someone from the crowd: How about our leader? *Much applause and cheers.*
School song, "Best Day of my Life"