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**IN RECOGNITION OF  
CONCOURSE VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BRONX, NEW YORK  
AS A  
2018 EXEMPLARY HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL  
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL  
October 1, 2018**

Congratulations on your recognition as a 2018 Exemplary High Performing School National Blue Ribbon School! The United States Department of Education is pleased to recognize your unwavering commitment to high expectations and teaching and learning innovations that have made your school a model of excellence. You have kept a clear vision of what all schools should be: student-centric.

Your students show how teachers, staff, administrators, families and community organizations can work together to prepare our Nation's children and youth to be informed and productive citizens. You are visionaries, innovators and leaders.

As a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School, you demonstrate what is possible when committed school communities create vibrant, innovative cultures of learning. I commend your tireless dedication and recognize the difficult, yet essential, work you perform in preparing students for productive futures. Yet even the best school must continually do better for students. We know excellence is not a destination. Everyone must question everything to ensure nothing limits students from being prepared for what comes next.

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments at the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., November 7-8, 2018. Ceremony events will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW. Two representatives from your school and your superintendent are invited to attend. If the principal at the time of nomination is no longer at the school, he or she is also invited.

Congratulations again on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting the unique needs of your students. You remind us that through determination and effort every student can excel. I wish you, your students and your school community continued success in the years ahead.

  
Betsy DeVos