

*WHEREAS* it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, St. Paul Catholic School was recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in the 2013 cohort of National Blue Ribbon Schools based on their overall academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, St Paul, a K-8 school of 840 students in Westerville, received this honor as one of Ohio's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments and nationally-normed testing; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, The Department honored 236 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 18-19 in Washington, D.C and in its 31-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on nearly 7,500 of America's schools; NOW THEREFORE,

I do hereby recognize St. Paul Catholic School as a *National Blue Ribbon School* and express sincere appreciation for the level of excellence for the educational community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 3rd day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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