



Dear Byron Center Public Schools Community,

Please join me in congratulating Countryside Elementary for being named a **2025 Blue Ribbon School!** Countryside is one of only 16 Michigan schools recognized at the highest performing level this year by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools for their academic excellence and progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Each year, [the Department of Education celebrates](#) schools that demonstrate that all students can achieve high levels of success. MDE nominated Countryside as an Exemplary High-Performing School, placing it among the state's top-performing schools based on state and national assessments.

At Countryside Elementary, the entire staff works together to ensure every student has the best possible learning experience and receives the individualized support needed to succeed. The team is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging where every child is challenged, supported and inspired to reach their full potential. This is the second time Countryside has earned the Blue Ribbon distinction, having first been recognized in 2017.

This achievement would not be possible without the collective efforts of our students, staff, parents, Board of Education and the Byron Center community. The dedication and success demonstrated at Countryside reflect the excellence found throughout Byron Center Public Schools. Their achievement embodies our district's mission to help every student build their own success story.

I am grateful for the partnership of our entire community, whose support makes celebrations like this possible. This recognition is both an honor and a reminder of our shared commitment to all BCPS students.

Thank you for your continued support of Byron Center Public Schools!

Sincerely,

Kevin Macina, Ph.D., Superintendent