

September 15, 2009

Dear Superintendent Cowan:

I am pleased to announce that U. S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan today designated Entz Elementary School as a Blue Ribbon School for 2009.

Entz Elementary School is one of 5 public and private schools from Arizona to receive this award for excellence in education. This award acknowledges their efforts to help ensure that every child achieves and attains higher levels of performance and recognizes the school's improvements in student achievement. The schools will receive a plaque and a flag at the Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony in November.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are academically superior or have shown dramatic improvement in student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. These schools will serve as models for other schools throughout the nation and details of the achievements will be shared with others on the U. S. Department of Education's website.

Sincerely,