ROXBURY ELEMENTARY NAMED U.S. BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR 2016

Roxbury Elementary School is Solon’s seventh school to earn the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award for 2016. The announcement was made September 28 by U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. Roxbury is one of 329 schools nationwide receiving this honor.

“National Blue Ribbon Schools are proof that we can prepare every child for college and meaningful careers,” Secretary King said in a video message to the new Blue Ribbon Schools. “Your schools are on the cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices—professional learning communities, project-based learning, social and emotional learning, positive behavior systems—making you shining examples for your communities, your state and the nation.”

For Solon, this national award recognizing student achievement at Roxbury Elementary School underscores the district’s long-standing efforts to raise the bar for all students, said Joseph Regano, superintendent of the Solon Schools.

“The Blue Ribbon Award is a results-oriented award that directly reflects the high achievement levels of all students,” Mr. Regano said. “This award highlights the dedication, partnership and collaboration among our staff, families and students. It also demonstrates the commitment to our instructional best practices and focus on doing whatever it takes for every child every day.”

Roxbury was nominated for the award by the Ohio Department of Education and subsequently completed a comprehensive application about the school and its instructional practices. Roxbury was honored as an Exemplary High Performing School, identifying it as among the top schools in the state, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The award is based on students’ overall academic excellence.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. “The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content,” according the U.S. Department of Education. “The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a
school’s building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. National Blue Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence.”

**Solon’s Blue Ribbon Schools**

All Solon Schools have earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award.

- Roxbury Elementary School – 2016
- Orchard Middle School – 2013
- Solon Middle School – 2010
- Solon High School – 2008
- Parkside Elementary School – 2007
- Lewis Elementary School – 2006
- Arthur Road Elementary School – 2005