

Warrensburg R-VI School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Thursday, April 28th, DESE announced that six of our schools, WHS, WMS, Sterling Elementary, Martin Warren Elementary, Ridge View Elementary, and Maple Grove Elementary, received the <u>Missouri Purple Star Schools</u> designation. The Purple Star Schools Program is new this year to Missouri, and it is an honor for our schools and District to be recognized in such a way. Designated schools will receive a purple star recognition from DESE to be displayed in the buildings as well as on each school website.

The qualifications to receive this type of designation are rigorous. As a District, we want to recognize the staff members who served on our Aspiring Purple Star Committee this past year and deserve our heartfelt acknowledgment for all their hard work. Assistant WMS Principal Brandon Figg, who served as the committee lead/district liaison, along with each of the building representatives listed below, participated in the planning and implementation meetings and drafting of DESE's Purple Star Designation Application. In addition, these individuals have worked throughout the year to coordinate programs and activities geared to supporting our military families.

Matthew Bax - WHS

Jason Abner - Sterling

Beth Tiller - Martin Warren

Jennifer Fox - Ridge View

Ashley Klein - Maple Grove

As a District, we are honored and humbled to receive such recognition and only look to grow this program in the years to come. Lastly, a huge thank you again to the Aspiring Purple School Committee for a job well done.

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