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## **Orchard Lane Elementary Named Wisconsin DPI Title I School of Recognition for 2015-16 School Year**

New Berlin, Wis. – Orchard Lane Elementary was one of 169 public schools in the state to earn a Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition Award for the 2015-16 school year from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The award highlights schools that have demonstrated success in educating students from low-income families.

To be eligible, schools must receive federal Title I funding to provide services to large numbers or high percentages of economically disadvantaged children and meet other achievement criteria. Orchard Lane was named one of 11 “high-achieving schools” for meeting all annual measurable objectives for achievement and graduation; having achievement gaps that are less than three points between student groups or show evidence of reducing gaps; and demonstrating high achievement at the school level.

“Congratulations to these schools,” State Superintendent Tony Evers said in a DPI news release. “They are examples of the academic success we need in all of our schools to close achievement gaps. These awards recognize the work of students and their parents along with teacher, school administrators, and school staff members to break the link between poverty and low academic achievement. Their efforts will help us ensure that every student graduates college and career ready.”

Orchard Lane, and the other schools recognized, will receive a plaque at a ceremony at the State Capitol on March 14.

To read the entire DPI news release, [click here](#).

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