

For Immediate Release Date: 11/17/23

Contact: David Cotey, Director of Communications 262-789-6225 | david.cotey@nbexcellence.org

Three School District of New Berlin Elementary Schools Ranked Among State's Best by U.S. News & World Report

New Berlin, Wis. - Three of the School District of New Berlin's elementary schools were recognized as being among the state's best, according to U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Elementary Schools rankings released this week.

Ronald Reagan Elementary was ranked 70th, followed by Elmwood Elementary at 91st and Poplar Creek Elementary at 150th, all among the more than 1,000 traditional public elementary schools in Wisconsin that were eligible to be ranked by the publication, and all within the top 40 percent in the state, according to publication.

"Between the state report cards being released and these rankings by U.S. News & World Report, we've been inundated with good news," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "Different data points will produce different results and rankings and we're glad to have our schools represented among the best on those lists.

"But ultimately, what all these different rankings indicate to us is that the community of New Berlin has four successful elementary schools to send their children to, and that those four elementary schools do an incredible job of preparing those students for middle school, high school and beyond."

Here is how the publication determined its rankings:

For each state, schools were assessed on their pupils' proficiencies in mathematics and reading, as measured by state assessment tests. Half of the ranking formula was the results themselves; the other half was the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics. In other words, the top-ranked schools are high achieving ones that succeeded in educating all of their students.

U.S. News published distinct elementary rankings calculated at the state and district levels, as well as state rankings specific to charter and magnet schools. All data for the rankings are from third-party sources, including the U.S. Department of Education. U.S. News has published numerical rankings for more than 37,000 <u>public elementary schools</u>.

You can learn more about the publication's methodology HERE.

###