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## Capitol ceremony celebrates 2010-11 Wisconsin Schools of Recognition

MADISON, WI — State Superintendent Tony Evers praised Land O'Lakes Elementary School (LOLES) for being among 153 schools in the state that received Wisconsin School of Recognition honors for the 2010-11 school year during a special Oct. 18 ceremony at the State Capitol in Madison.

Evers welcomed, from left: Leah Lechleitner, Fourth Grade Teacher - LOLES, (Evers), Brenda Saltenberger, Second Grade Teacher - LOLES to the recognition event. To be recognized, schools must be among those with the highest poverty rates in the state, have met adequate yearly progress goals under federal education law for the past two years, and have student achievement on state mathematics and reading assessments that is higher than schools with similar poverty levels and grade configurations.

“The link between poverty and educational challenge is one these schools are breaking,” Evers said. “The educators and leaders at these schools work in partnership with communities to provide rigorous programming and attention to student needs that result in academic success. They know how important it is that every child graduate with the knowledge and skills needed for the workforce or further education.”

“Our dedicated staff, hardworking students, and supportive community were all contributing factors to achieving this award” stated Michael Richie, Northland Pines District Administrator.

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