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### ***Devinny Elementary School Named 2016 National Blue Ribbon School***

**GOLDEN, Colo. (October 13, 2016)** – Devinny Elementary School was recently announced a winner of the 2016 National Blue Ribbon Awards by U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. The award affirms the hard work of students, teachers, and staff at Devinny Elementary toward pursuing the highest academic standards.

“We’re incredibly proud of the students, staff, parents, and community at Devinny and think this recognition is well deserved,” said Superintendent Dan McMimimee.

The National Blue Ribbon Award is an annual designation presented to public and private elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the United States. Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. The program was initiated in 1982 with the goal of recognizing schools for their academic excellence and accomplishments in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Only 329 schools nationwide were recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools in 2016. The U.S. Department of Education will honor the award-winning schools at a recognition ceremony on November 7 and 8 in Washington, D.C. Devinny Elementary will host its own celebration on November 18.

#### **About Jeffco Public Schools**

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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