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LUTHER LEE EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DEMAREST, NEW JERSEY HAS BEEN NAMED A 2023 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Luther Lee Emerson Elementary School in Demarest, New Jersey has been named a 2023 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School, a highly regarded award given annually by the United States Department of Education to less than one percent of schools nationwide. The award, which recognizes exemplary schools, was announced today by the U.S. Secretary of Education Miquel A. Cardona.

"It is such an honor to receive this prestigious recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School," said Superintendent Michael Fox. "It is a true testament to the dedication of our leadership and faculty at Luther Lee Emerson (LLE) Elementary School and the community's commitment to supporting excellence in education for all students."

"We are immensely proud and honored to receive the National Blue Ribbon School Award," said Frank Mazzini, Principal of LLE. "This recognition reaffirms the hard work, dedication, and collaborative efforts of our students, educators, parents and the entire school community in fostering an environment that nurtures academic excellence and personal growth."

The Blue Ribbon School Award recognizes Luther Lee Emerson School's sustained academic performance and efforts to foster an inclusive and engaging learning environment. This distinguished accolade underscores the school's dedication to providing a well-rounded education that prepares students for success in higher education and beyond.

"We prioritize a holistic approach to education, focusing not only on academic achievement but also on character development, critical thinking, and invocation," added Principal Frank Mazzini. "Our approach is to equip our students with the skills and values necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving world. The credit for this award belongs to our students, staff, parents and the entire school community as we are all one who make Demarest the amazing educational environment that it is."

The district looks forward to attending an award ceremony that will be held by the U.S. Department of Education on November 16 and 17, 2023, in Washington, D.C.