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Capitol ceremony celebrates 2009-10 Wisconsin Promise Schools of Recognition

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers praised Columbus Elementary School for being among 138 schools in the state that received Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition honors for the 2009-10 school year during a special Oct. 20 ceremony at the State Capitol in Madison.

Evers welcomed, from left: ([list, from left to right in the photo, the names and titles of those attending the recognition ceremony](#)), 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.

“Partnerships among teachers, parents, administrators, school staff members, and the community contribute to the academic success of students in schools that receive this honor,” Evers said.

“Columbus School’s hard work to close the achievement gap by identifying those students at risk and implementing programs to assist them is truly working. Columbus is very fortunate to have United for Reading Success volunteers coming to school daily to work with first grade students, Math Tutors coming to school daily to work with fourth and fifth grade students, and numerous volunteers coming to school regularly to work with all students kindergarten through grade 6. Having the Boys and Girls Club before and after school programming has been a huge asset as well. Without the support from our staff, parents, students, and community we could never receive such a wonderful honor,” said Jennifer Dordel, principal of Columbus Elementary School. This is the third



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consecutive year that Columbus Elementary School has received the Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition honor.