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**IN RECOGNITION OF
CALDER ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DICKINSON, TEXAS
AS A
2021 EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT GAP CLOSING NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL**

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Congratulations on your recognition as a 2021 Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing National Blue Ribbon School! Your school is an inspiring example of teachers, staff, administrators, parents and families, and community leaders all working together through challenging circumstances to prepare our Nation's students to succeed in school and to lead thriving lives.

The U.S. Department of Education is pleased to acknowledge your unwavering commitment to the well-being of every child and your thoughtful innovations in teaching and learning that will help your students realize their potential and succeed in a global economy. Your efforts also have made your school an engine of excellence.

As a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School, you are proof that with high expectations, intensive collaboration, and dedication to every student's academic, social-emotional, and mental health needs, it is possible for every student in America to receive an education that prepares them for a rapidly changing world. You demonstrate what is possible when committed educators create vibrant cultures of learning and provide challenging content in supportive classrooms. Your commitment to your students creates possibilities for the next generation—no matter their background or circumstance.

I invite you to send two representatives from your school and your superintendent to the National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards ceremony. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in Washington, DC, on November 4-5, 2021, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. The ceremony will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and for rising to the challenge of achieving excellence in education. I commend your tireless dedication and recognize the difficult, yet essential work that you perform in preparing students for successful futures. You remind us that through determination and effort, anything is possible. I wish you and your students continued success in the years ahead, and I urge you to continue to challenge your school community to be the very best.

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