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**MEADOWVIEW SCHOOL HONORED AMONG
2019 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS
Community Consolidated School District 46**

Grayslake, IL – Meadowview School in Grayslake, Illinois, was honored on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, as a 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School for their achievements in environmental and sustainability education at a ceremony held at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. The event, hosted by Director of the Campaign for Environmental Literacy, James L. Elder and Manager of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, Phoebe Beierle, and joined by Assistant U.S. Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Frank Brogan and Acting Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Neil A. Jacobs, drew a delegation from Meadowview School that included Mrs. Laura Morgan – Meadowview School Principal, Mrs. Jill Roesner – Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Klé Trahan – Information Specialist, Mrs. Joan Ramotar – Resource Teacher, and Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent of Schools for CCSD 46.

Meadowview School was nominated for this award by the Illinois Green Alliance for striving for 21st century excellence in reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.

“At Meadowview School, we are extremely proud of our efforts to take care of our Earth through our environmental education program and sustainability efforts,” stated Laura Morgan, Principal. “Our school-wide learning project builds from year to year and immerses our students in learning that allows them to not only improve their knowledge, but also have a positive impact on the world right outside our doors. We look forward to the continued development of this project.”

“It has been an honor to learn with and from this dedicated group of educators who are so devoted to bringing sustainability education to our students,” stated Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent. “They have collaborated with members of our parent community and other stakeholders to reduce environmental impacts and create an outdoor classroom that not only beautifies the school grounds, but more importantly provides our students with the tools to become the next generation of environmental leaders.”

At the event, 35 schools and 14 districts were honored for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education. In addition, four colleges and universities were honored with the Postsecondary Sustainability Award. A state education official was also recognized for his efforts to advance school sustainability in the state of Minnesota. Representatives from selectees received sustainably crafted plaques in recognition of their achievements.

The honorees were named from a pool of candidates nominated by 28 states. The selectees include 25 public schools, including three magnet schools and two charter schools, as well as 10 nonpublic schools. Over a third of the 2019 honorees serve a disadvantaged student body.

Community Consolidated School District 46 is located in northeastern Illinois in central Lake County, approximately forty (40) miles north of Chicago and fourteen (14) miles west of Lake Michigan. CCSD 46 serves parts of the villages of Grayslake, Third Lake, Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Beach, and Lake Villa.

The district is comprised of seven schools. Four kindergarten through fourth-grade neighborhood schools – Avon Center, Meadowview, Prairieview, and Woodview, one kindergarten through eighth-grade neighborhood school – Park Campus, one fifth and sixth-grade intermediate school – Frederick, and one seventh and eighth-grade middle school – Grayslake Middle School.

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A Note on the Award Name Use in Communications:

ED's award is called "U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools" and has "District Sustainability Award" and "Postsecondary Sustainability Award" categories, in addition to the original school award. It is abbreviated ED-GRS. "Green Ribbon Schools" without the "U.S. Department of Education" is not ED's award, but instead is a separate program overseen by another organization. A selected school is a "Year U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School." A selected district is a "Year U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools District Sustainability Awardee." A selected postsecondary institution is a "Year U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee." There is no "National," "Award" or "Program" in the title. There is no apostrophe or hyphen after Education.

Additional Information:

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools>

List of honorees: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/awards.html>

Information on the federal recognition: <http://www.greenstrides.org>

Illinois Green Alliance: <https://illinoisgreenalliance.org>

Meadowview School Environmental Education Webpage: <http://www.d46.org/mv/mvenvironment.asp>

**Meadowview School photos, Award Ceremony photos, ED-GRS program, and other information available on Google Drive: <http://bit.ly/CCSD46-MV-2019ED-GRS>

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