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**ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL IS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION**

U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., announced today that <school> has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. St. Pius X Regional School is one among 279 public and 50 private schools receiving this honor.

Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. Schools may apply for status as Exemplary High Performing—among the top schools in a state—or Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing—schools making the fastest progress in their state in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Janet Schrom will represent St. Pius X Regional School at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their hard-won achievements.

For more information about St. Pius X Regional School, please contact the school office at <contact>. For more information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit <http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/>

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