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Newark Charter School Named **2010 National Blue Ribbon School**

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Last week, Newark Charter School was named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 304 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools. Newark Charter School is one of fourteen charter schools nationwide to receive this coveted award.

The schools will be honored at an awards ceremony November 15-16, 2010 in Washington, D.C. School Director Gregory Meece and second grade teacher Angela Dressel, representing the faculty, will be in attendance.

The award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Newark Charter School was recognized as a school whose students, regardless of backgrounds, are high performing. Newark Charter School is ranked among the state's highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments.

Gregory Meece, School Director said, "We can all be very proud of the children, parents, teachers and staff who make up the Newark Charter School community. Receiving this recognition in the tenth anniversary of our charter being approved is a reminder of how far we've come." Celebrations surrounding the tenth anniversary of the school and the National Blue Ribbon award will be held throughout the academic year.

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