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Harrison High School Receives Gold from U.S. News and World Report

Harrison, NY. May 16, 2018 - Harrison High School has received a Gold medal ranking from U.S. News and World Report as part of the publication's 2018 Best High School Rankings.

Harrison High School placed in the top 7 schools in Westchester, 30th in New York state and 197 nationally on the list of the best high schools. As a reference point, New York City's elite "public" high schools such as Stuyvesant High School, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Latin took the top 13 spots for New York state.

"The U.S. News rankings include data on more than 20,500 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia, so our ranking places us in the top 1% of schools in the Nation," said Harrison High School Principal Kimberly Beukema. "We know the magnitude of the accomplishments of our students and our teachers, but it is especially rewarding when their work is recognized at this level while keeping true to our mission of equitable opportunity for all students."

Michael Greenfield, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction added, "Earning the U.S. News gold standard is yet another indication that Harrison High School is one of the best schools in the nation. More importantly, it is a recognition that has been achieved while maintaining our district's core mission of equity and excellence. We couldn't be more proud of our students, teachers, and educational leaders."

U.S News and World Report identified and evaluated schools that best serve all students and assessed how prepared students are for college-level work. Schools were recognized with gold, silver, and bronze medals with gold indicating the greatest level of college readiness. Anita Narayan, managing editor of education at U.S. News, said in a press release that top ranked schools exceed expectations on state proficiency tests, offer challenging coursework, and graduate their students.

According to U.S. News and World Report, a four-step process was used to rank all eligible schools. The first step was to determine whether students were performing better than statistically expected in the state. The second was to determine whether minority students were performing at or better than the state average for minority students.

The third step required schools to meet or surpass certain graduation benchmarks, and the final step was to determine college readiness.

"Each one of our schools, including Harrison High School, ensures that every student is honored for their uniqueness and nurtured to their fullest potential," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis Wool. "We are proud of our gold ranking from U.S. News & World Report, but equally proud that this has been achieved in a climate of support and inclusivity for all students. While primarily a high school accomplishment, and a credit to its magnificent faculty, this is an achievement supported by the work of every teacher in our district working every day to build confidence and capacity in their students."

"Being recognized as a gold medal school reflects not only the achievements of our students, faculty and staff but also the commitment of the Harrison community to supporting a public school system which

provides every student with educational opportunities and the chance to succeed,” said Harrison Central School District Board of Education President Kelly Mulvoy Mangan.