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### **Canterbury Elementary Earns School of Merit Awards from RTI Center**

GREENDALE, WI -- Greendale Schools' Canterbury Elementary School has earned two 2015-2016 School of Merit awards from the Wisconsin RtI Center. For the second consecutive year, the school was one of 222 statewide to be recognized for work accomplished through its implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Additionally, Canterbury was one of 125 schools statewide receiving School of Merit honors in Reading for its work in the implementation of a culturally responsive multi-level system of support.

PBIS is a system-wide proactive framework that enables the school to be more effective and responsive to student social-emotional needs by implementing a multi-level system of support for behavior. Canterbury's reading intervention program is a multi-level system of support that uses data to guide student support needs and provide small group instruction geared toward meeting these needs in reading. This system of support is provided for all students, not just those who are struggling.

"We are excited to be named 'School of Merit' for our work with the students of Canterbury," said Michael Mullen, principal of Canterbury. "Our staff is diligent about meeting student needs in all areas of their growth and development. Understanding the importance of social-emotional and academic supports allows us to help students learn to the best of their ability in a personalized environment."

The Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to provide statewide training and technical assistance to help create responsive schools and districts. Schools were recognized as Schools of Merit based on an application process that included team and meeting information, implementation and outcome data, and a narrative that described the data, systems, and practices of both PBIS implementation and practices of RtI implementation.

Canterbury will be recognized at the annual PBIS Leadership Conference this August.

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