

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction  
State Title I Office

## 2004 Title I Distinguished School Award

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Each year, the National Association of State Title I Directors sponsors the Title I Distinguished School Recognition Program. North Dakota's Riverside Elementary School in the Bismarck Public School District was selected for this national recognition. Riverside Elementary School, as well as 35 other Title I schools from around the nation, was honored at the National Title I Conference Distinguished Schools Award Breakfast in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday, February 1, 2005.



Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Jackie Jackson, director of Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs with the USDE, Dr. Joe Johnson, featured speaker at the Awards Breakfast; Mary Beth Swenson, Renae Orstad, and Joyce Hinman, Bismarck Public School staff members; and Katheryn Manning, president of the National Association of State Title I Directors.

The schools were selected for outstanding results in one of two categories: 1). Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years or, 2). Closing the achievement gap between student groups. Riverside was selected for closing the achievement gap between student groups.

The North Dakota Title I Committee of Practitioners reviewed the applications for this award last fall. Schools applying for this recognition needed to send documentation of strengths in the following areas: opportunity for all children to meet proficient and advanced levels of performance, strong professional development, coordination with

other programs, curriculum and instruction to support achievement of high standards, and partnerships among schools, parents, and communities. In addition to these requirements, each applying school submitted the last three years of achievement data and a one-page school description.

Congratulations to Riverside Elementary School for a job well done!