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GREENBRIER EAST HIGH SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL DRUG-FREE SCHOOL AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that Greenbrier East High School has been selected as a recipient of the Drug-Free School Recognition Award.

"I commend the administration, faculty, and students of Greenbrier East for their outstanding efforts to stamp out drug use among young people," said Rahall. "I hope other schools in West Virginia and across the nation follow their example."

To receive recognition a school must have implemented a comprehensive drug-prevention and intervention program that has been effective in preventing or reducing student use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Furthermore, schools must show a reduction in disruptive behavior and violent acts.

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Honorable Nick Joe Rahall, II House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rahall:

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the selection of 109 schools as recipients of the Drug-Free School Recognition Award in this, the seventh year of the program.

For the 1993-94 Program, the Department received 174 nominations from 35 States and the District of Columbia, from State Education Agencies, the National Family Partnership, the National PTA, and the Council for American Private Education. In mid-December, the 30 member National Review Panel, composed of educators, parents, community representatives, law enforcement officials, and evaluators, met in Washington. The panel reviewed the nominations and selected 150 schools for site visits. Site visits took place from January 25 to March 25.

To be selected for recognition a school must have implemented a comprehensive drug-prevention and intervention program that has prevented or substantially reduced alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and must have an ongoing plan to remain or become drug free. Additionally, schools must demonstrate that they have reduced disruptive behavior and acts of violence.

Of the schools that were visited, 109 have been selected for national recognition: 90 for comprehensive program recognition and 19 for noteworthy component recognition. The 109 schools represent 29 States and the District of Columbia and consist of 21 high schools, 3 junior high schools, 20 middle schools, 63 elementary schools, and 2 BIA schools.

I have enclosed a list of schools from your state or district. I hope this information will be useful to you in responding to your constituents on this subject. If the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs can be of any additional assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kay **C**asstevens Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

1993-94 DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE WINNING SCHOOLS BY STATE

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