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## AND THE BLUE RIBBON GOES TO ...

Colorado's Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones describes one of Jeffco's Lakewood schools as, "setting a shining example in Colorado."

**Dennison Elementary School** is one of six Colorado schools named as a national 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

"We were also one of the first groups of *Blue Ribbon* schools in 2003 and now we're back in 2010," said Principal Kathleen Krieger. "We're proud of sustaining our high achievement."

The award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and those schools that have helped close gaps in achievement.

This year's winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. this November. A list of the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools is available at <a href="https://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html">www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html</a>