

Milwaukee Public Schools

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## **Golda Meir visited by Department of Education *Researchers seek success tips to share with other schools***

Golda Meir Elementary School, 1555 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, was named a 2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School in October 2007. A research group from the Department of Education will visit the school on Wednesday, February 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Thomas Hanley (right), Principal of Golda Meir School, and Joseph Becker, Dean of Students of Golda Meir School (left), received the Blue Ribbon Award from Raymond Simon, (center) Deputy Secretary of Education, in Washington, D.C. in November 2007.

“Golda Meir is one of only eight schools being visited by research groups,” said Tom Hanley, Principal. “We are happy to be one of the few schools receiving this attention for our success.”

Synthia Harvell and Jenny Scala from RMC Research Corporation will visit Meir with Tracy Harris and Aba Kumi from the Department of Education. One of the main purposes of this visit is to gather information about successful schools, such as Golda Meir School, to share with other schools throughout the nation and to encourage other schools to replicate some of the programs at Meir in order to provide the same quality of education for their students.

Golda Meir is one of 287 schools named 2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools. The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

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Schools are selected based on one of two criteria: 1) Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests; and 2) Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests.

The 287 selected schools were honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. More information and a list of 2007 winners is at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>.

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