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Ashwaubenon's Valley View Elementary Receives Two State Awards

Ashwaubenon, WI – July 11, 2013 – Valley View Elementary School in Ashwaubenon has been named both a *School of Merit* and a *School of Distinction* by the State for the work accomplished in its Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) programs. Valley View was one of seven Wisconsin *Schools of Merit* for RtI and one of eight-seven Wisconsin *Schools of Distinction* for PBIS. The school was one of only four Wisconsin schools receiving both awards.

The RtI for reading program focuses on academic intervention and enrichment. It includes the implementation of a multi-level system of supports. All schools in Wisconsin are required to have an RtI framework in place by December 31, 2013. PBIS focuses on social and behavioral expectations with the goal to proactively create safer and more effective schools. Nearly half of the schools in Wisconsin are currently implementing a PBIS program.

According to Principal Kurt Weyers, “These awards are a recognition of the tremendous amount of effort that both our staff and students have displayed in order for every student at Valley View to be successful. Our staff has worked extremely hard to meet the individual needs of every student. We will continue to work even harder to embrace opportunities and challenges that confront us in order for each student to reach his or her full potential.”

Schools were recognized for these awards based on an application process which included team and meeting information, implementation and outcome data, as well as narrative questions and answers that described the data, system, and practices of each program's implementation. Valley View will be recognized and receive a banner at the 2013 WI PBIS Network Summer Leadership Conference on August 20th in Wisconsin Dells.

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