



REV. GEORGE A. BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Reverend Brown School,

We are delighted to share the official notice with you:

On Friday, September 7, 2012, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the **2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools**. **Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School, Sparta** has been chosen as one of the 269 schools recognized nationally!

Each year the Department of Education recognizes a select number of public and non public schools for overall academic excellence or for making progress in improving students' academic achievement. Reverend Brown School was one of the 50 non-public schools selected and received this national award for "exemplary high performance."

This year the Department will honor approximately 219 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 12-13 in Washington, D.C. In its 30-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on nearly 7,000 of America's schools.

"Our nation has no greater responsibility than helping all children realize their full potential," Duncan said. "Schools honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and that education is the surest pathway to a strong, secure future."

We recognize that this honor is shared with present and past teachers, clergy, support staff, parents and students. Thanks to all of our school community members for making this recognition possible.

Gratefully,

Catherine Duncan, Ed.D.

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