



# Northwest Educational Service District 189

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### **Nine Regional Schools are 2014 Schools of Distinction**

Outstanding improvement in reading and math sustained over a five-year period is the reason that nine schools in the Northwest Educational Service District (NWESD) region received the 2014 School of Distinction (SOD) award today. Three of these schools have received this award multiple times. The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) in partnership with the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), and Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD) have recognized schools in the top 5% of improvement for their levels.

The 2014 School of Distinction award is the eighth annual award, and honors 101 schools across Washington State. Describing the schools that are designated as School of Distinction award winners, Greg Lobdell, President of CEE noted, "These schools are from all regions of the state, all sizes of towns, with a range from 2.7% to 100% poverty and enrollment of English Language Learners as high as 40%. These schools demonstrate that significant improvement is occurring all across our diverse public schools."

A representative from the NWESD will travel to each awarded district, to recognize the SOD award winners with their leadership teams or school boards. "I am excited and honored to be celebrating this outstanding achievement with nine schools in our region," said NWESD Superintendent Dr. Jerry Jenkins. "Our districts are working tirelessly to build better systems and provide a first-rate education for every child, every day. This award recognizes the benefit of that sustained hard work over several years, which is a tremendous accomplishment."



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## 2014 Schools of Distinction in the NWESD Region

<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Level</b>
Edmonds	Cedar Valley Community School*	Elementary
Everett	Silver Lake Elementary*	Elementary
Lake Stevens	Highland Elementary	Elementary
Lake Stevens	Lake Stevens Middle	Middle School
Lynden	Lynden Middle	Middle School
Meridian	Meridian Middle	Middle School
Mount Vernon	Jefferson Elementary	Elementary
Oak Harbor	Crescent Harbor Elementary*	Elementary
Stanwood	Stanwood High	High School

\*indicates repeat winners