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## Three Utah Schools Named 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is proud to announce that three Utah schools have been named 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools for their remarkable academic achievement. The U.S. Department of Education has recognized 356 schools as the 2024 cohort of the National Blue Ribbon Schools, including the following three schools from Utah:

- Edgemont Elementary School, Provo City School District
- River Heights Elementary School, Cache County School District
- Bella Vista School, Canyons School District

This prestigious recognition highlights schools that excel in academic performance, or make significant strides in closing achievement gaps among different student groups.

"The Utah State Board of Education recognizes these three schools as trailblazers in education that are setting a high standard for student achievement. These schools exemplify the power of mission-driven leadership, effective teaching, and strong partnerships with the community," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson.

The 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools reflect the full diversity of American education and serve students from all backgrounds. While awardees represent a wide array of schools, they share common traits. National Blue Ribbon Schools are led by leaders who articulate a clear vision of instructional excellence and uphold high standards. They showcase effective teaching methods and offer robust professional development for their staff. Data-driven instruction is a hallmark, and there is a concerted

effort to ensure every student succeeds. Collaboration among families, communities, and educators is a key component of their success. These schools serve as models of effective and innovative practices for educators across the nation.

Photographs and brief descriptions of the 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools are available at <a href="http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/">http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/</a>.

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