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Wellesley Public Schools Honored for Efforts to Reduce Its Carbon Footprint
District Receives the Commonwealth's "Green Ribbon School" Designation

February 13, 2019 (Wellesley, MA) - Wellesley Public Schools (WPS) is receiving statewide recognition for its work to make buildings more energy efficient, use environmentally friendly cleaning practices, offer healthy food choices, fitness programs and outdoor activities, and develop curricula focused on environmental awareness. The district was recently named a 2019 Green Ribbon School by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, one of only three school districts in the Commonwealth selected to receive this designation.

WPS serves more than 5,000 students with one pre-K school, seven elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The award specifically highlights the collaborative work by educators, school and town administrators, staff and parents to create a school culture that inspires students to focus on critical and innovative ways to reduce the district's carbon footprint

Launched by the U.S. Department of Education in 2011, the [Green Ribbon Schools](#) program honors schools and districts that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and delivering effective environmental and sustainability education that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), civic skills, and green career pathways.

Each year, Massachusetts selects one or more schools or districts to honor at the state level. WPS will receive its award during an official ceremony at the Statehouse in May. In addition to WPS, Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School and Ipswich Middle-High School also received Green Ribbon Schools designation.

The three honorees will now be reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education for the chance to be recognized as a National Green Ribbon School or District.

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