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**IN RECOGNITION OF  
WALKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN  
AS A 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**  
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Congratulations! Walker Elementary School has been named a 2009 Blue Ribbon School. This award acknowledges your efforts to help ensure that every child achieves and attains higher levels of performance, and recognizes your improvements in student achievement in accordance with the Blue Ribbon Schools criteria.

Your dedication to excellence stands as a reminder that it is possible for every student to benefit from a challenging education. President Barack Obama has said that improving education is central to rebuilding our economy and enabling America to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As a country, we all have a stake in providing the best education possible for our children. We can accomplish this by building on results such as those your school has achieved.

We at the U.S. Department of Education commend you for your commitment to excellence in education and for putting that commitment into action. We are honored to share this exciting award with you and your school community. Your school is a model of improved student achievement from which others can take inspiration.

The principal and a teacher from your school are invited to Washington, D.C., November 2-3, for recognition events. Our Office of Communications and Outreach will provide you with additional information.

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with our Blue Ribbon Schools partners—the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Middle School Association, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arne Duncan".

Arne Duncan