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School District 64 Picked for 2011 Educational Excellence Award

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is one of only 73 Illinois school districts to earn the 2011 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence from SchoolSearch, an independent research and consulting firm. This year, only 8 percent of Illinois school districts earned the award, according to Superintendent Philip Bender.

All school districts in Illinois – a total of 868 – were considered using objective data reported on the 2010 Illinois State Report Cards. It is the 17th year District 64 was selected for the award.

“The Bright Red Apple award demonstrates how outstanding schools help to define an outstanding community,” Dr. Bender stated. “I hope all Park Ridge-Niles residents are proud of this long tradition of support for high quality schools that continue to make this such a desirable place to live,” he added.

The award is based on five, “family-favored” factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, operating expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary. “District 64 is strong in all five categories,” according to SchoolSearch.

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