



## News Release

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### **Wauwatosa Schools Named PBIS Schools of Distinction and Merit**

Three Wauwatosa schools were selected by the Wisconsin RtI Center as schools of Merit or Distinction for their work accomplished through the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Underwood Elementary was one of 222 schools statewide to be recognized as a School of Merit for the 2015-16 school year, while Roosevelt and Madison Elementary schools were selected as Schools of Distinction out of 162 schools statewide. “We have incredibly talented teachers and principals working at all of our schools to make sure students have a safe and supportive environment in which to excel. It is an honor for our staff at these three buildings to be recognized for their hard work and dedication,” said Wauwatosa Superintendent Phil Ertl, of the schools’ accomplishments.

The Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to provide statewide training and technical assistance to help create responsive schools and districts. PBIS is a framework which enables schools to be more effective and responsive to student’s social-emotional needs by implementing a multi-level system of support for behavior.

Schools of Merit and Distinction were recognized based on an application process which included team and meeting information; implementation and outcome data; and a narrative that described the data, systems, and practices of PBIS implementation. Each school will receive an award banner to hang on the school premises.

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