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Dear Marlene,

We write to extend our heartiest congratulations to you and your members working at Portland Middle School on being awarded Blue Ribbon status in the "exemplary high performing schools" category.

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We applaud the members of the Portland Para Organization, and second the comments of Secretary Duncan, when he said in his statement, "National Blue Ribbon Schools are models of consistent excellence and a resource for other schools and districts. We celebrate them for their tireless effort and boundless creativity in reaching and teaching every student."

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Please extend sincere congratulations to your members at Portland Middle School.

In solidarity,

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