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We would like to brag on one of our partner schools in New Orleans, Louisiana. Last month, St. Andrew the Apostle School achieved the highest BRSE honor - Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School!

What does it mean to be a Lighthouse school? The BRSE Blueprint for Excellence is designed to be a positive school improvement process that covers nine major categories of critical performance elements found in excellent schools. The Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School award is given only to those schools that achieve excellent performance in <u>all nine major categories</u> of the Blueprint for Excellence assessment.



"The focus is not solely on academics – it's the whole package. It includes every facet of education, including the support and the involvement of the parents." – Father John Talamo Jr., St. Andrew's Pastor

St. Andrew began their journey of improvement last spring. Although they were already excelling in many ways, the BRSE assessment helped the school home in on a few key areas that needed extra attention. Using data, the teachers at St. Andrew identified where students were struggling and tailored instruction to more effectively meet student needs. Ongoing professional development was also a vital component to the growth we have seen at St. Andrew over the last year. "What Blue Ribbon does is give us a set of goals and ideals to strive toward and attain." - Father John Talamo Jr., St. Andrew's pastor

Is your school interested in working through the BRSE Assessment?

To learn more about the process, email Dr. Judy Warden Fields at judy@blueribbonschools.com. We would LOVE to work with you!

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 12-15, 2019

You won't want to miss this! It's our 20th anniversary BRSE Conference at Walt Disney World, FL.

We hope to incorporate more stories of schools doing excellent things - like St. Andrew! If you would like to share your successes with the BRSE community, send content to candice@blueribbonschools.com. Let's stay connected on social media. #BRSE #EmpowerInspireConnect

"Children are our MOST valuable resource!" – Mr. Bart Teal, BRSE President, CEO and Founder