



**Department  
of Education**

Mike DeWine, Governor  
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Tom Burton, Superintendent  
Princeton City Schools

Dear Superintendent:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ohio Department of Education has selected Woodlawn Elementary School as a 2021 Purple Star designee. We applaud and appreciate your unwavering commitment to serving military-connected students and families.

*Each Child, Our Future*, Ohio's strategic plan for education, recognizes the importance of supporting the needs of the whole child. To be successful in school and when transitioning between school settings, Ohio's military-connected youth require particular supports to ensure their unique social, emotional and academic needs are met. The Purple Star award your school is receiving today signifies your school's demonstrated commitment to serving these students and their families.

In fact, Ohio's Purple Star Advisory Board has established a set of important criteria that schools must meet in order to be considered for a Purple Star designation. It gives me great pride to announce that your school has not only met but, in many cases, exceeded these criteria.

Each Purple Star designation is valid for three years. As such, your school may apply for a designation renewal in 2024. For now, we invite you to use the attached print-ready files to print certificates and banners highlighting your Purple Star designation. You also may wish to display the Purple Star logo on your website or in any other location of your choosing.

Please keep the Department and your respective State Board of Education member informed of any special events you may plan around this recognition. In addition, please share photographs or other examples of your school's Purple Star pride with the Department on social media (Twitter: @oheducation) so we can further highlight your achievement.

Once again, congratulations on your school's Purple Star designation and thank you for your continuous support of Ohio's military families.

Sincerely,

Paolo DeMaria  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

