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Moraine Elementary Earns PA Department of Ed Distinction

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Moraine Elementary School in the Slippery Rock Area School District is building quite a reputation for student achievement. Already one of the top performing schools in the state based upon Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) data, the school has now earned recognition as a Title I Distinguished School for the 2018-19 school year.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) web site, Title I is a 100% Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to schools to improve educational opportunities for educationally deprived children. Title I programs are designed to help children meet the state content and performance standards in reading, language arts, and mathematics. Each year, PDE's Division of Federal Programs honors the top performing Title I schools in the state. Moraine Elementary School is one of only 158 schools in the state to receive this distinction. The honor places the school among the top 5% based upon student test scores in language arts and math.

Dr. Patricia Kardambikis, assistant superintendent of the Slippery Rock Area School District and coordinator of the District's Title I programming stated, "Moraine Elementary School's students, staff, and parents consistently work collaboratively to maintain a high level of student achievement. They have embraced a commitment to student learning which can be seen in all facets of the school."

"The credit for a special distinction such as this definitely goes to the hard-working students and staff in our building. Our motto is 'Every teacher, Every student, Every day'. It is something that we believe in. It helps to keep us focused," said the school's principal, Dr. Kristie Shulsky. Shulsky, herself, is no stranger to high achieving schools as she also led the District's high school to National Blue Ribbon status for 2015.

Moraine Elementary will be honored at the 2019 Title I Improving Schools' Performance Conference in Pittsburgh this coming January. Additionally, the school is now eligible to be chosen as one of Pennsylvania's National Title I Distinguished Schools and honored at the National Title I Conference in Kansas City, Missouri later this school year.

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