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Jennifer Allen, Principal
Twin City Elementary
Stanwood-Camano Island School District
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Stanwood, WA 98292

Dear Jennifer:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to share with you that Twin City Elementary has been selected for the **2020–21 National ESEA Distinguished School Award – National Recipient for Washington** (Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.). It is an honor to recognize you for the commitment and outstanding work done by your staff, your students, and your community.

School Name:	Twin City Elementary
District Name:	Stanwood-Camano Island School District
Award Amount:	\$20,000

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrator (NAESPA) focus is to identify and address the specific needs of the children who are beneficiaries of the programs funded by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). While students in our schools face many challenges and barriers, we recognize that access to and involvement in integrated, innovative, and collaboratively designed programs leads to successful outcomes.

Two Washington State schools are selected by their State Education Agency for the 2020–21 ESEA Distinguished School Award. The schools selected must qualify under one of the following categories:

- Category 1: Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years
- Category 2: Closing the achievement gap between student groups
- Category 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

Eligibility for the award is based upon a three-year average score on the Smarter Balanced Assessment for the school years ending in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing was not required for the school year ending 2020 due to COVID-19.

Selection criteria based upon:

- Three-year average student growth percentile in both ELA and Mathematics proficiency scores, above state average
- Combined ELA/Mathematics average proficiency for three years
- Poverty percentage of building above 45%
- School student enrollment
- Average participation rate above 95%

Again, we congratulate you and your team on your hard work. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Fazzari at larry.fazzari@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6100.

Sincerely,



Gayle Pauley
Assistant Superintendent
Special Programs & Federal Accountability

Cc: Dr. Jean Shumate, Superintendent, Stanwood-Camano Island School District
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