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**DEERFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS 2009 WISCONSIN
EXEMPLARY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Deerfield Community School District was recently notified by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) that Deerfield Middle School has been recognized as an Exemplary Middle School for 2009 by AWSA and the Department of Public Instruction. Criteria for this recognition include:

- high growth in reading and/or math scores in the past school year;
- reading and/or math scores in top 10% in the past year; and,
- high growth in scores in reading and/or math with special consideration of schools comprised of a high poverty population.

Deerfield Middle School is recognized for being in the top 10% in reading. Last year's middle school Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination reading scores at the 94th and 95th percentiles led to this recognition. "Being recognized for this award is a great honor," said Board President Tom Bush. "It speaks to the dedication of many teaching staff in both the elementary and middle school."

"The WKCE student achievement data reinforces our continued commitment to early literacy skills in the primary grades that build up through the middle school years," added Superintendent Michelle Jensen.

This is the third year that AWSA and DPI have recognized the good work that Wisconsin middle schools are doing by announcing exemplary middle schools. The recognition program was instituted by AWSA's Middle Level Commission.