

December 21, 2007

Gregory L. Puthoff, Principal
Parkway High School
400 Buckeye St
Rockford, Ohio 45882

Dear Principal Puthoff:

Congratulations to you and your staff, students and community! Parkway High School has been selected as an honoree for the 2006-2007 *State Superintendent's Schools of Distinction* recognition program. This award highlights schools in which a high percentage of students with disabilities is achieving academic success.

Parkway High School has met or exceeded the program's rigorous selection criteria. At each School of Distinction, at least 75 percent of all students, including students with disabilities, scored proficient or above on the 2006-2007 Ohio Achievement Tests or the Ohio Graduation Tests in reading and mathematics.

The Department of Education (ODE) will recognize district representatives from the 2006-2007 Schools of Distinction on the first day of the Office for Exceptional Children's statewide Special Education Leadership Conference, which will be held in Columbus Jan. 16-17, 2008. For more information, visit the ODE Web site at www.ode.state.oh.us and select the conference from the list of upcoming events at right. Also on Jan. 16, ODE will issue a news release about Schools of Distinction and in February will send a banner to each honored school.

For questions on the *Schools of Distinction* program, please contact Kara Waldron by telephone, (614) 728-1105, or by e-mail, at kara.waldron@ode.state.oh.us. Again, congratulations on your high achievement!

Sincerely,



Susan Tave Zelman
Superintendent of Public Instruction

cc: Mr. Douglas E. Karst, Superintendent