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Longacre Elementary School earns Exemplary Academic Proficiency Lighthouse School Honor Roll title

Farmington, MI – Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) Longare Elementary School, a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, has recently earned the additional title of "Exemplary Academic Proficiency." To achieve this title means that Longacre placed in at least the 85th percentile in the State of Michigan.

There are more than 600 Lighthouse Schools around the world and only 35 of those schools received the Exemplary Academic Proficiency Lighthouse School honor roll title this year.

Lighthouse certifications come from implementing Leader in Me, which is a comprehensive model that builds leadership and life skills in students, with fidelity. Schools use a Lighthouse Rubric to measure outcomes in three areas: teaching leadership principles, creating a leadership culture, and aligning academic systems.

A school will maintain its Lighthouse Certification for two years, During that time they will have to continue its growth and proficiency in exemplifying leadership culture within all of their students. At the end of two years, a school will re-certify its Lighthouse status through a virtual self-assessment, describing and celebrating its growth and accomplishments since its original Lighthouse designation. This year, Longacre Elementary went above and beyond.

"I am grateful to be part of a learning community that wholeheartedly believes in educating the entire child," said Longacre Elementary School Principal Rhonda Henry. "Staff, students, and parents live into our mission of "Everyone Learning, Everyone Leading" each day. It is because of our collective commitments to teach leadership principles, create a leadership culture, and align academic systems that we received this recognition. I look forward to continuing our work to empower students to lead their own learning."

Congratulations to Longacre Elementary School on their hard work and dedication to student success!

To learn more about Lighthouse School status, visit <u>www.leaderinme.org</u>

To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us.