

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Dr. Richard A. Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Richard Gross, Principal  
Bath High School  
2850 Bible Rd  
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Dear Principal Gross:

My greatest commitment as the leader of Ohio's public education system is to make sure that every child, in every school, in every Ohio community receives the best education possible. That's why I am pleased to tell you that the Ohio Department of Education has named Bath High School a 2014 Ohio School of Promise based on your 2014 Ohio School Report Card. This is the second year your school has received this honor.

We all know that poverty presents major challenges to student achievement, and it often continues from generation to generation. Yet with 40 percent or more of Bath High School's students coming from low-income homes, your school has closed the math and reading achievement gap for students from every background. That means *all* of your girls and boys are gaining the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college, other postsecondary training, jobs and life. Only schools like yours can help break the cycle of poverty. What a wonderful legacy you are building for your community.

As one of 98 elite Schools of Promise in Ohio, you have set a strong example of what educators, parents and community members can achieve when they work together with student achievement as the goal. I thank you for your leadership and ask you to pass on my thanks to others who share in your success. Bath High School truly is a School of Promise for all of your students.

In the coming weeks, you will receive an official School of Promise banner to display in your school building. If you have questions about the banner or the award, please contact Sherry Panizo in the Office of Policy and Research at (614) 387-0546 or [sherry.panizo@education.ohio.gov](mailto:sherry.panizo@education.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



Dr. Richard A. Ross  
Superintendent of Public Instruction