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Sr. Mary Louise Shulas
St. Augustine of Canterbury School
45 Henderson Road
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Dear Sr. Mary Louise Shulas,


Congratulations to you and the St. Augustine of Canterbury School community on being recognized as a U.S. Department of Education 2016 Blue Ribbon School. As the liaison office for the U.S. Department of Education to the nonpublic school community, including private schools, faith-based schools, and home schools, the Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) is delighted that your school has received this recognition for your outstanding and hard-earned achievement.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes elementary and secondary schools that make significant progress toward closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at high levels. By performing in the top fifteen percent in the nation in reading and mathematics, St. Augustine of Canterbury School has clearly evidenced a commitment to educational excellence and high academic achievement for all students. We commend the faculty, staff, students and parents of the St. Augustine of Canterbury School community for their efforts in creating an environment of success.

ONPE will host a forum specifically for private school representatives during the upcoming 2016 Blue Ribbon Schools Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA. The session will occur on Monday, November 7th, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will spotlight federal education programs available to private school students and teachers as well as provide an opportunity for private school representatives to share successful practices. The ONPE team looks forward to meeting you then.

We wish St. Augustine of Canterbury School success in continuing its tradition of academic distinction in the years ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (202) 401-1365 or by email at ONPE@ed.gov if we can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,


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