

Senate Resolution No. 2331

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**CONGRATULATING** Manhasset Secondary School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Manhasset Secondary School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS,** Designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education is indicative of high level school standards set in pursuit of excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** True to its mission to pursue excellence in education for every scholar, Manhasset Secondary School provides all students with a quality education through a shared partnership among staff, parents and students; and

**WHEREAS,** The Manhasset Secondary School celebrated their National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award on Monday, December 9, 2019; students and teachers were given a shirt, designed by the students to commemorate the honor; and

**WHEREAS,** By empowering every pupil to become lifelong learners and engaged citizens, Manhasset Secondary School and its faculty are creating leaders of tomorrow, and their example is a powerful inspiration to other educators; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous leadership of its Principal, Dr. Dean Schlanger, Manhasset Secondary School embodies a palpable, warm, and supportive learning environment; its commitment to a focus on learning and tradition of excellence is continuous; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, these relationships foster its mission to establish a culture for learning, ensure high expectations are embedded in all work habits, and engage all teachers in inquiry-based professional collaborations that strengthen instructional capacity per grade level; and

**WHEREAS,** The students' families at Manhasset Secondary School share this strong belief in education that hard work and perseverance, coupled with a positive outlook and teacher support, is the best recipe for their child's success in school, both academically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS,** As a National Blue Ribbon School, Manhasset Secondary School has been judged to be particularly effective in meeting local, State and National educational goals; it has also displayed the qualities of excellence necessary to prepare young people for challenges of the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Education has designated 312 public schools and 50 private schools across the country to receive this honor in 2019, placing Manhasset Secondary School in an elite bracket of schools; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award stands as a resolute testimony to Manhasset Secondary Schools' standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Manhasset Secondary School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Dr. Dean Schlanger of Manhasset Secondary School.