



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Mr. Benjamin Williams
Mt Vernon Middle School
1862 W SR 234
Fortville, IN 46040-9709

Dear Mr. Williams:

Congratulations! Mt Vernon Middle School is being awarded the **Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award** presented by the Indiana Department of Education!

Your school earned the Gold Star award by documenting that your School Counseling Program meets all of the Indiana Program Standards for School Counseling.

The Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award presentation will be held at the Indiana School Counselor Association Conference on November 14 or 15, 2019, at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. The Indiana School Counselor Association will be sending your primary Gold Star contact person more information about the awards ceremony soon. We hope you will be able to attend this event with a school counselor or representative to receive your award.

Schools that receive the Indiana Gold Star Award are automatically eligible to receive the prestigious RAMP (recognized ASCA Model Program) Award from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Instead of submitting the complete award application to ASCA, Gold Star schools simply submit the award application cover sheet, a memo from Indiana DOE stating that they are a Gold Star school. and the application fee charged by ASCA. The application fee is \$250 for schools with an ASCA member on staff and \$500 for schools without an ASCA member. Schools that apply for the RAMP award in 2019 will receive their award at the 2020 ASCA National Conference in Seattle, Washington (July 27-30, 2020).

Your school's Gold Star contact person has received a press release you can use plus information on applying for the national RAMP Award and an electronic version of the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award logo for your school's use. We hope you will proudly display this logo on your school's stationery, website, etc.

Again, congratulations for supporting an outstanding school counseling program that promises to serve your students well!

Sincerely,

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