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. . . SCHOOLS OF OUR LEAP ALLIANCE HAVE AIMED FOR, AND HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

All praise to God for the fact that the schools of our "LEAP Alliance" have been, and continue to be distinctively Christ-centered! What a blessing! Might it also be said of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod schools of the Great Lakes Bay Region (our "LEAP schools") that they are measurably excellent in many significant respects?

For several decades now, there has been in place a school excellence goal-setting measuring stick, nationally, for our LCMS Lutheran schools. That tool, now very well-developed and highly acclaimed, is known as "National Lutheran School Accreditation." This voluntary, rigorous, very thorough and well-developed program provides means by which those who own/operate/lead a Lutheran school may aim for higher levels of excellence within their school. Through the process, a school which becomes accredited will invariably . . . a) improve . . . b) be measured against high national standards for Lutheran schools . . . c) be evaluated against its own unique purposes . . . and d) receive recognition for successful completion of the process.

Note the following: Among the 793 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod elementary schools nationally, 501 of these schools (63%) are accredited through "National Lutheran School Accreditation." And among the 86 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod high schools nationally, 61 of these schools (71%) are accredited through "NLSA."

Now, get this: Among the 18 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod elementary schools of "LEAP" here in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan, **all 18 (100%)** have worked hard for, and have earned National Lutheran School Accreditation! And **the one LCMS high school** in the GLBR of Michigan (Valley Lutheran High School) has also worked hard for, and has earned accreditation through NLSA!

There are more stories to be told of LEAP plans and actions, some of which have been or will be featured at this "LEAP Stories" location on a month-by-month basis. We invite and encourage you to visit here again next month and to spread the word, please. Thank you.

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