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COLUMBIA – Today, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mick Zais congratulated five South Carolina public schools for winning the prestigious National Blue Ribbon award from the U.S. Department of Education.

“These five public schools across our state are models of academic excellence and should be celebrated for this achievement,” said Zais. “They prove every day that zip codes should not affect a student’s destiny. Full credit goes to the students, teachers, parents, and administrators in these communities. They should be very proud of this accomplishment, as it will always be a part of their school’s history,” concluded Zais.

A total of 337 schools are being recognized nationwide for overall academic excellence or progress made in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. The national program has recognized nearly 7,900 public and private elementary, middle, and secondary schools since 1982. This year, 50 private and 287 public, charter, choice, and magnet schools are being recognized across the nation.

South Carolina’s five 2014 National Blue Ribbon Award public school winners are:

School	Principal	City	District	Award Category	Percentage of disadvantaged students
Socastee Elementary	Diane Thompson	Myrtle Beach	Horry	Exemplary High-Performing	91 percent
Royall Elementary	Julie Smith	Florence	Florence District One	Exemplary High-Performing	61 percent
West View Elementary	Shawn Wootton	Spartanburg	Spartanburg District Six	Exemplary High-Performing	63 percent
Hanahan Middle	Robin Rogers	Hanahan	Berkeley	Exemplary High-Performing	60 percent
Hanahan Elementary	Thomas Sparkman	Hanahan	Berkeley	Exemplary High-Performing	71 percent

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