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## **Two MSD Schools Receive State Board Recognition**

*Msvl. WA* - The State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have identified schools state-wide to receive academic recognition for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Heritage High School and Pinewood Elementary School in Marysville are on the list for closing achievement gaps and growth among groups of students. The recognition is part of the State Board of Education Washington School Recognition Program where schools are highlighted for improvement in one or more of three areas: Achievement (high performance in multiple measures), Closing Gaps (best improvement among schools receiving support), and Growth (school progress one year to the next or high student growth). The school recognition program has changed over the past few years in part due to the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA) accountability system and the desire of the organizations to make the school recognition system more equitable.

The Washington School Improvement Framework (WSIF) is another indicator that is used to measure progress. WSIF uses academic indicators in English Language Arts and Math proficiency and growth, graduation, English learner progress, regular attendance, 9th graders on track, and dual credit.

Heritage High School is recognized for closing gaps for all students and growth for students who receive special education services. Pinewood Elementary School is recognized for its growth for students identifying as Asian. “We are very proud of these schools’ students and staff for this achievement. The recognition is well-deserved,” said Superintendent Jason Thompson.

Each school will receive a banner and certificate and their achievement will be published on the State Board of Education website with other schools across the state during “Washington Schools Recognition Week”, April 27 - May 1, 2020. To learn more about the State Board of Education and the recognition program, go to [www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov).