



FIND YOUR VOICE

December 2017

Dear Kimberly Halstead,

It is with deep respect and humility that I congratulate you and the Tucker Elementary School community on earning recognition as a 2017 *Leader in Me* Lighthouse School of Academic Distinction. It is schools like yours that serve as exemplars for *Leader in Me* Schools throughout the world.

We created the new Lighthouse School of Academic Distinction to recognize *Leader in Me* Schools that have both met the rigorous requirements necessary to achieve and maintain Lighthouse School Certification and shown exemplary academic growth or proficiency as measured by state accountability standards. While we recognize that *Leader in Me* is only one of many factors that affect academic achievement, we are pleased to acknowledge and celebrate your achievement.

Academic distinction is determined through the data analysis of an independent nonprofit—Schooldigger.com—a website focused on empowering families with reliable data about the performance of their children's school. The Schooldigger.com algorithm scores on a percentile ranking, comparing like schools across the state. To meet the *academic proficiency* standard, a school must be at or above the 85th percentile for the state's combined proficiency standards. To meet the *academic growth* standard, the school must be at or above the 50th percentile and have shown a 5 percent growth from the previous year's percentile ranking.

The percentile ranking for Tucker Elementary School rose in 2017 to 58.5 up from 43.5 in 2016, showing exemplary academic growth. To honor your achievement as a Lighthouse School of Academic Distinction, you can look forward to receiving a new Lighthouse banner highlighting this recognition within the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued excellence as a beacon for *Leader in Me* Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Covey".

Sean Covey