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Solvay Elementary School Named a Distinguished School

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The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) is pleased to announce that Solvay Union Free School District's Solvay Elementary School, has been named a National ESEA Distinguished School by the New York State Education Department.

Congratulations to Solvay Elementary School for this prestigious honor. The staff and students are recognized for their success in closing the achievement gaps between student groups. Solvay Elementary School is one of up to 100 schools nationwide and one of two across New York State that is being nationally recognized for exceptional growth in student achievement in 2023.

The National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program publicly recognizes qualifying federally funded schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students. It highlights the efforts of schools nationwide that are making significant improvements to support student achievement. The program has been in place since 1996, showcasing the success of hundreds of schools in one of three categories:

- CATEGORY 1: Exceptional student performance and academic growth, as determined by each state
- CATEGORY 2: Closing the achievement gap between student groups, as determined by each state
- CATEGORY 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

Solvay Elementary School is identified as a distinguished school under category 2.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides additional resources for all children to receive a high-quality education through federal grants to state educational agencies for public elementary and secondary schools.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work put forth consistently by the students and staff at Solvay Elementary School. To learn more about Solvay Elementary watch [this video](#).