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## Grand Erie celebrates Success for Every Student

**Brantford ON** – Grand Erie District School Board is welcoming students back to school with a focus on student success and recognition.

The Grand Erie Student Recognition Program acknowledges students who have accomplished excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as excellence in the community.

“We are really proud of our students and what they can accomplish,” said David Dean, Chair of the Board. “It’s an honour to recognize their success through our student recognition program.”

Launched in February 2016, 17 individual students and groups from all areas of the district have been recognized formally by the Board of Trustees for their varying successes and achievements.

Among the recipients who have been recognized to date include a brother and sister who won titles at the American Quarter Horse Association Youth World Championships, three students who danced on stage with Cirque De Soleil at the Pan Am Games, and a group of students who earned their Diplôme D`études en Langue Française.

Students are celebrated at the monthly Regular Board Meetings. Nominations are submitted by school staff and accepted all year.

Student recognition is aligned with the launch of Grand Erie’s new 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan. The Board of Trustees approved a new strategic direction to guide the work of the Board with the goal of Success for Every Student. The goal will be achieved through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations.

“Success looks different for everyone and is demonstrated in our schools each day,” said Brenda Blancher, Director of Education. “As students strive to reach their desired purpose, we look forward to creating the conditions for them to succeed and to celebrating their stories of success.”

For more information about the Student Recognition Program and the Multi-Year Plan, visit [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca).

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