



# PLAINEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Plainedge Community,

I am happy and proud to announce that Charles E. Schwarting Elementary School was designated as a 2026 State and National School of Character. There are only 103 schools and districts from around the world that were recognized as 2026 State and National Schools of Character. Only two schools in New York State earned this distinction, and Charles E. Schwarting Elementary School was proudly among them. We have been recognized for implementing a comprehensive approach that helps students understand, value, and consistently practice the character strengths that enable them to flourish in school, in their relationships, in the workplace, and as engaged citizens. By prioritizing character development alongside academic achievement, our schools are shaping well-rounded individuals prepared to succeed in every aspect of life.

It was apparent to the State and National School of Character committee that the "L.E.A.D." (Loyalty, Empathy, Accountability, Determination) intrinsic core values are deeply embedded in our school's culture and Charles E. Schwarting is truly a caring community focused not only on academic success but character development for all. The committee recognized Charles E. Schwarting as a national exemplar for its practices and strategies in fostering strong character development among students, emphasizing that the collective efforts of all stakeholders within our school community are essential to the success of every Plainedge student.

Congratulations to our entire school community for their meaningful contributions to both the education and exemplary character development of our students. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in shaping the outstanding character we see in our students everyday.

Please stay tuned for more information in our upcoming district newsletter regarding this amazing accomplishment.

Sincerely,

*Carol Muscarella*

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# CONGRATULATIONS

CHARLES E. SCHWARTING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*New York State and  
National School of Character*



Charles E. Schwarting Elementary School  
is recognized for their  
deep commitment to character