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Edgelea and Miller Elementary Schools Earn Family Friendly Designation

Edgelea Elementary School and Thomas Miller Elementary School are two of the 91 schools that have been designated 2023-24 Family Friendly Schools by the Indiana Department of Education. They are the only schools in Tippecanoe County to receive this designation.

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) designated 91 Indiana schools as 2023-2024 Family Friendly Schools. These schools – which span across the state and include public and non-public schools – are demonstrating excellence in engaging families in their children's education. Launched in 2015, the Family Friendly Schools designation focuses on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students, while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through schools and the community. The program recognizes and honors schools that welcome all families into the school community, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community.

"At Miller Elementary School, we have always believed in the power of strong partnerships between home and school," says Miller Principal Erin Phillips. "We understand that a child's success is greatly influenced by the support and involvement of his or her family. Together, we have fostered an inclusive atmosphere that encourages open communication, collaboration and shared decision-making. Receiving the Family Friendly designation by the IDOE reaffirms our commitment to providing a nurturing and inclusive educational experience for all students and families."

Both Edgelea and Miller are part of the Lafayette School Corporation. For the full list of schools, visit the <u>IDOE</u> website.

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