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**Berlin Board of
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Press Release

Board of Education Recognized as a “Board of Distinction”

Berlin BOE Receives Highest Leadership Award for Fifth Consecutive Year

Berlin, CT, Friday, December 10, 2010: The Berlin Board of Education received the CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) Board of Distinction Award at the recently held Annual CABE/CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Convention in Groton. This prestigious award was created by CABE as way to recognize exceptional work by boards of education, beyond that already recognized by the CABE leadership award. The Berlin Board of Education received this recognition from the State Department of Education Commissioner, Mark McQuillen, at an awards ceremony at the Convention.

In order to qualify for this award, a board of education must meet strict criteria that promote effective team work, group decision making and student achievement. Specifically, a Board needs to fulfill at least 22 out of 30 different requirements in five different areas of Board work – community relations, board operations, policy, professional development and organizational leadership. For those boards that meet these criteria, and have received the CABE Leadership Award in two of the past four years, are then required to achieve additional, more rigorous criteria. In recognizing the Berlin Board of Education, CABE noted Berlin’s focus on student achievement and results, stating that “all who are involved in the schools understand the district’s mission and focus on student achievement.”

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Board of Education Receives Award

"We are pleased with CAFE's recognition of our efforts," said Board President Gary Brochu.

"Receiving the CAFE Board of Distinction Award is a reflection of the hard work of board members – both past and present – and our board's continuous focus on student achievement."