



## ***Bloomington Public Schools, Bloomington, Minnesota Sets World Record for District-wide Food Drive***

Bloomington, Minnesota—The Bloomington Public Schools PTSA Council and the Youth Advisory Council to the Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools in Bloomington, Minnesota, collaborated to sponsor a food drive to benefit Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP), which serves low-income families and individuals in Bloomington, and neighboring communities of Edina, Richfield and South Minneapolis.

Prior to the food drive, which was conducted the week of May 3-7, 2010, one of the members of the Youth Advisory Council applied to the We Believe Alliance to attempt a world record for the amount of food collected through a school district-wide food collection, with school district-wide being identified as a school district including an elementary, middle and high school.

Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff of the Bloomington Public Schools for making this a successful event. The District's 15 schools, two early childhood family centers and Transportation Center collected 9,671 pounds of non-perishable food items and \$2,863.83 in cash donations. Cash donations are converted to pounds of food. For every dollar contributed, it is the equivalent of 5 pounds of food. Thus, the cash equated to 14,319 pounds of food, which added to the 9,671 totaled 23,990.

The record has been established by the Bloomington Public Schools for its collection of 23,990 pounds of food. The Executive Director Susan Freeman and Food Program Manager Nathan Rust of the food shelf recipient, VEAP in Bloomington, Minnesota, have certified the food drive results.

In accordance with the rules for the world record, the Mayor of the City must certify the record and present the We Believe Alliance certificate to the students.

We, representatives of the We Believe Alliance, are pleased to report that at the Bloomington City Council Meeting held on June 7, 2010, Mayor Gene Winstead presented students from Bloomington Public Schools with the We Believe Alliance World Record Certificate thereby verifying and establishing the food drive collection world record at 23,990 pounds.

The Bloomington Board of Education recognized this World Record at its meeting on June 14, 2010.

Congratulations on a job well done!

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