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Traverse City Area Public Schools Announces:

TCAPS' High Schools Rank Among "Best High Schools" On The Washington Post's *High School Challenge*

Traverse City Area Public Schools' Central High School and West Senior High School have been recognized by *The Washington Post's* Best High School list. *The Washington Post's* Challenge Index measures a public high school's effort to challenge its students and prepare them for college. The index is determined by dividing the number of Advanced Placement (AP) or other college-level tests given by the school in 2010 by the number of graduating seniors. *The Post* rated over 1900 high schools nationally. Of the 37 Michigan Schools that made the list, TC Central High School placed 24th with a 1.399 index and TC West Senior High School placed 26th with a 1.387 index.

In March, TCAPS was also one of fewer than 400 school districts in the nation and one of only 29 school districts in Michigan to be honored by the College Board with a place on its Advanced Placement Achievement List for opening classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students, while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher.

"TCAPS' recognitions by the *College Board* and *The Washington Post* are a direct result of teaching excellence that inspires students to engage and excel in college-level studies," remarked TCAPS' Superintendent Steve Cousins. "It is also a reflection of a focused commitment by our high school instructional leaders who continue to provide support for students to not only lead them to a successful graduation, but to help them become ready for learning beyond high school."

Please contact TCAPS' Associate Superintendent Jayne Mohr at (231) 933-1778 for more information. Please visit: <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge> for more information on The High School Challenge.

Note: When schools are in session, all visitors are required to sign in at the Main Office and receive a "Visitors Pass" upon entering a TCAPS school or event.