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Blue Ribbons for All!

At an awards luncheon last month honoring Blue Ribbon Schools, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan decisively supported the continued participation of private schools in the national recognition program. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee recently approved an overhaul of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* that would limit the Blue Ribbon Schools program to public schools only. Read more about the issue in the December Outlook, available for download as a free PDF document [here](#).



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- Melinda Gates honors her private school teacher
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Education Secretary Arne Duncan at the BRS luncheon last month.
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