



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 28, 2019

Ms. Carol Slonka
Principal
Gilbert Linkous Elementary School
813 Toms Creek Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060-3251

Dear Ms. Slonka,

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the faculty and staff of Gilbert Linkous Elementary School upon receiving the 2019 State Board of Education Highest Achievement Award.

This honor is a testament to the pride that your school takes in educating your students. You strive to ensure that all students have the support they need to succeed in the classroom, and as a result, your school has exceeded state accreditation standards. Your efforts create a solid foundation for your students as they continue their academic careers and enter the workforce in the future. Educating our children is one of our highest forms of public service, and I know that your investment in them today will pay dividends for these students and the Commonwealth for years to come.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your students, parents, and community in saluting your school's accomplishments and wishing you continued progress in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R Warner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator