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## Centennial School District Selected as Recipient of the 2023 Richard B. Lewis Award

**Dateline:** [Warminster, PA, October 6, 2023] — We are delighted to announce that Centennial School District has been selected to receive the 2023 Richard B. Lewis Award from the <u>Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT)</u> and the Technology Integrated Learning Division of AECT. This award recognizes outstanding technology integration and media utilization programs in K-12 education. As recipients of the 2023 Richard B. Lewis Award, Centennial School District will receive a cash award and a commemorative plaque acknowledging the district's outstanding achievement in the field of educational technology and media utilization. The official presentation of this award will take place during the AECT annual convention.

The AECT Richard B. Lewis Memorial Award, established in 1981, is presented annually to a school or educational system, whether public or private, that demonstrates exceptional dedication to advancing technology integration and media utilization within its educational practices. Richard B. Lewis, the award's namesake, was a visionary leader in audiovisual instruction and innovative teaching methodologies. He played a pivotal role in pioneering audiovisual and instructional television services, leaving a lasting impact on the educational technology landscape.

Centennial School District was selected for its systemic adoption and increased utilization of our learning management system, Canvas. Our team, spearheaded by the Digital and Online Learning Coordinator, Ms. Kristen Herman, significantly expanded our students' post-pandemic, online, and digital learning opportunities. Ms. Herman stated, "The CSD team heeded the call to prepare our students for their increasingly digital futures. What sets CSD apart from peer districts is its centering of faculty as digital designers, best able to create online learning experiences that support students socially, emotionally, and academically."

Superintendent Dr. Dana T. Bedden says, "As always, we are appreciative of the school board for approving our recommendations associated with this initiative and proud of our staff, students, and the entire team for their efforts and this recognition of their work. Centennial School District's commitment to advancing technology integration and media utilization is a testament to the school district's dedication to providing a high-quality and innovative education for our students. This recognition exemplifies our district staff's leadership and vision in the field of educational technology."

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