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LITTLE ROCK: The Harrison School District has been selected as this year's winner of the 2010 Arkansas Healthy School Board Diamond Award. Other winners are the El Dorado School District, which came in second to win the Gold Award, and Gurdon School District in third place with the Silver Award.

The schools will be presented a Healthy School Banner at each site and will be recognized at the 2010 AAEA (Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators) Summer Conference on August 3 at the Statehouse Convention Center during the awards luncheon.

School boards across the state were given the opportunity to apply for the Healthy School Board Award in January. The school boards had to answer questions about their districts' health status: programs, projects, and policies. With rising obesity rates among children in our state and the subsequent diseases caused by obesity, Coordinated School Health believes it is important for school boards to be involved in helping fight the battle.

The Arkansas Department of Education strives to ensure that all children in the state have access to a quality education by providing educators, administrators and staff with leadership, resources and training.