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Darling, Knodl Honor Brown Deer's "All-America City" Award

Madison - Two local lawmakers are honoring the Village of Brown Deer's "All-America City" award. On Thursday, State Senator Alberta Darling and State Representative Dan Knodl presented the village with a citation to commemorate the honor. Darling said she believes the success of Brown Deer's school district helped secure the award.

"Superintendent Dr. Deb Kerr has a bold vision for her students. She firmly believes all children can succeed at high levels and it shows," Darling said, "As a former teacher myself, I know this culture of high expectations is the key to Brown Deer's success, and I'm glad it is getting national attention."

The National Civic League uses an extensive process with an expert jury to determine the All-America Cities. This year they focused on communities that have taken innovative action to engage residents in ensuring that all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and life.

Brown Deer highlighted three projects in their application: Badger Meter River Park, the renovation of Brown Deer schools, and the school district's award-winning character education program. Representative Knodl says Brown Deer was a natural choice.

"The Village of Brown Deer has made great strides in improving the quality of life of village residents," Knodl said, "Badger Meter Park shows that the private business sector has also engaged with Brown Deer to improve the community."

Only 10 communities received the award from the National Civic League.

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