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RE: Fair Street International Academy Selected as a 2016-2017 RAMP School

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Fair Street International Academy was recently recognized by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) school. The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. Since the program's inception, over 650 schools have been designated as RAMP recipients.

"This year's RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession," said Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director. "These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success. RAMP designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to strive for excellence."

"Receiving the RAMP Award is really a compliment to the teachers, principal and assistant principal who see the importance of supporting the whole child," said Dr. Kim Hall, Fair Street school counselor. "Using data results from classroom guidance, small group counseling, surveys, and a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate school counseling program is a plan that meets the needs of the individual school. She stated, "It was a difficult award to achieve, but one that was definitely worth the effort. We will be considered a RAMP school for the next 5 years."

Fair Street International Academy will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA's annual conference in Denver, Colorado on July 10, 2017.

For more information on the program, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp and for additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit www.schoolcounselor.org.