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**Delano Public Schools Ranked #1 in the Nation by ZipRealty**

Last year Forbes magazine ranked Delano Public Schools #1 in the nation for high performing schools in a district with affordable housing. Delano Public Schools has topped the charts again as the top school district in the nation by ZipRealty, a leading online residential real estate broker and provider of technology and marketing solutions. Delano Schools was awarded top honors for the **Best Places for Families to Live: Top School Districts with Most Affordable Housing**. This ranking was compiled by analyzing the highest-rated public school districts in each metro area and the median prices per square foot for real estate in that district. The 10 Best Places for Families to Live, based on the quality of the local school district and median price per square foot, are:

METRO AREA	SCHOOL DISTRICT	SCHOOL SCORE	PRICE/SQ. FT.
Minneapolis	Delano Public School District	9.2	\$101
Charlotte	Fort Mill School District	9.1	\$102
Dallas	Lovejoy Independent School District	9.1	\$114
Chicago	St. Charles C.U.S.D. 303	9	\$122
Boston	Harvard Public Schools	9.1	\$179
Portland	Lake Oswego School District 7J	9.8	\$192
NYC/Long Island	Nanuet Union Free School District	9	\$199
NYC/Long Island	Wantagh Union Free School District	9	\$221
Austin	Eanes Independent School District	9.1	\$237
Orange County, CA	Los Alamitos Unified School District	9.2	\$321

ZipRealty's school score ratings measure the performance of each school district, including elementary, middle and high schools on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. ZipRealty calculates the School Score based on test-score data. "This annual study is part of our ongoing effort to provide home buyers with the best tech tools and information on the neighborhoods they're interested in," said Lenny Baker, CEO of ZipRealty. "In particular, the School Score on our website and apps help families decide which school districts are best for them."

"There has always been a tradition of excellence in our public school system, which has been cultivated by a very supportive community," said Delano Public Schools Superintendent Matthew Schoen. "We are proud of that tradition, and are honored to receive this recognition."

“In Delano, families can buy a bigger home that meets their needs and do not have to live in a community where they have to compromise on their child’s education,” Mr. Schoen noted. “If you stopped a young couple in downtown Delano and asked them why they moved here, you would find that 99% of the couples would say they moved here for the school district.” Mr. Schoen said the Delano School District plans to continue to improve the quality of education it offers to students. “We are just embarking on the second year of a five-year comprehensive plan. Schools and organizations cannot remain satisfied with the status quo, so we are dedicated to continuing to make our organization better.”