



**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Nicole Noonan

Marketing & Community Coordinator

(920) 788-7900

nnoonan@kimberly.k12.wi.us

425 S. WASHINGTON STREET  
COMBINED LOCKS WI 54113

(920) 788-7900

FAX (920) 788-7919

www.kimberly.k12.wi.us

**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Kimberly High School Ranks on The Washington Post's List of America's Most Challenging High Schools for a Sixth Time Only School in the Fox Valley on the List and Ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the State**

**Kimberly, Wis. – April 26, 2016** – Kimberly High School (KHS) has been named one of The Washington Post's Most Challenging High Schools in America for its rigorous curriculum. This is the sixth year in a row that KHS has earned a spot on the list. Within Wisconsin, KHS was 22<sup>nd</sup> in the state and was the only high school within the Fox Valley area to make the list.

The list is meant to recognize high schools that encourage students to take college-level courses and tests. Of the approximately 22,000 public high schools across the country, only the top 10% received this recognition.

“Our students have more opportunities to pursue rigorous and relevant curriculum than ever,” said Mike Rietveld, KHS Principal. “They take on the challenges of higher level coursework, dual credit programs and internships in order to graduate ready for college and careers.”

When students participate in the arts and co-curricular activities, they are enriching their learning and developing skills that prepare them for college and careers. Students who pursue challenging academic coursework at the high school can earn college credit through Advanced Placement, Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Fox Valley Technical College.

“By providing students with opportunities to pursue their potential in all grades, kindergarten through high school, we are helping them graduate better prepared for life,” said Rietveld.

-more-

“We are fortunate to have a community supportive of public education,” said Robert Mayfield, Superintendent of the Kimberly Area School District. “Our students and staff receive tremendous support from parents and area organizations. We pursue ambitious goals in academics, the arts and co-curricular activities, and it takes the efforts of many people to reach those goals.”

Inclusion in the school rankings was based on a ratio of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at the school in 2015, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. Also factored are the percentage of students who come from families that qualify for lunch subsidies and the percentage of graduates who passed at least one college-level test during their high school career, called equity and excellence. To read more about the list, visit

[washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge](http://washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge).

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).

###