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Representatives from the Oregon Secretary of State Department will visit Fleming Middle School as part of a "performance audit" of 10 Oregon schools on December 11th. These schools have demonstrated success on closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and their more affluent peers.

The upcoming visit will be conducted by the Audits Division, and will focus on Fleming's exceptional academic performance over time. Specifically, the group will be examining practices and strategies used to close the achievement gap for 8th grade economically disadvantaged students in math over a significant period of time beginning in 2004-05.

Visits from the state are familiar to members of Fleming's staff. Over the past decade, the school has earned various awards and distinctions for the academic success of its students, including "Champion School" and "Outstanding School", as identified by the Oregon Department of Education.

"We are pleased the Secretary's office has identified Fleming as a school that is working hard to ensure all of our students learn," said John George, the school's Principal. "It has been a team effort all along, and our staff, students and parents deserve the credit and recognition for this distinction."

This visit will enable the audit division to learn about Fleming's promising practices so that they may be shared with other schools to assist them in closing achievement gaps in all student populations.

The visit will include interviews with administration and teachers, classroom observations, and a tour of the school.

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