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**Press Release: Falmouth named “Top City to Live and Learn” by Forbes Magazine and GreatSchools**

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Falmouth was just named “Top City to Live and Learn” by Forbes Magazine and GreatSchools in their second annual national study ranking cities across the United States. Falmouth schools earned an education quality score of 100.00. According to GreatSchools “*Falmouth's got serious education chops, consistently outperforming state and national averages in achievement and earning the only perfect score on the educational quality index.*”

Great Schools slideshow lists on Forbes.com					Overall
	City	Pop	Median home value	score	score
1	Falmouth, ME	10,669	\$ 351,550	100	1
	Mercer Island, WA	24,351	\$ 708,740	99.12	2
	Pella, IA	10,475	\$ 148,200	98.25	3
	Barrington, RI	16,284	\$ 296,010	97.96	4
	Bedford, NH	21,504	\$ 293,730	97.96	5
	Manhattan Beach, CA	37,745	\$ 1,278,980	97.69	6
	Moraga, CA	16,465	\$ 722,010	97.69	7
	Parkland, FL	25,106	\$ 426,390	95.98	8
	St. Johns, FL	18,063	\$ 181,700	95.98	9
	Southlake, TX	26,297	\$ 476,880	95.74	10

Attributes cited in Falmouth’s schools were a focus on early intervention; teacher quality, professional development and collaboration; high expectations for all; use of data to guide instruction; full school and community involvement in creating regular improvement plans; and a K-12 commitment to service learning. As Carol Lloyd of GreatSchools wrote: “*So where is the educational sweet spot? Wherever the impassioned middle class puts down roots. These are the towns, suburbs and cities across America where families consistently, and somewhat forcefully, support their local schools — come budget crisis or political battle. This kind of education-loving populace tends to multiply, attracting like-minded families to move there, too.*” Falmouth Schools are proud to be recognized for their commitment to educational excellence and citizenship efforts on behalf of all of their students.

Attached is the Forbes Magazine and Greatschools.com press release  
Forbes.com article: [Best Schools for Real Estate Buck](#)

Greatschools.org link:

<http://www.greatschools.org/find-a-school/4062-best-cities-live-and-learn-2011.gs?page=1>