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CITY OF CHICAGO

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MAYOR

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Ms. Dawn Marie Caetta
Principal
John H Kinzie Elementary School
5625 South Mobile Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638

Dear Principal Caetta:

As Mayor of the City of Chicago, I offer you congratulations on John H Kinzie Elementary School being ranked as one of the top public schools in Chicago, according to the analysis by *Chicago Magazine* of over 2,000 public schools in the city and suburbs. I am so proud of the great work being done by principals, teachers and students at John H Kinzie Elementary School, and throughout Chicago Public Schools. You are proving to everyone what those of us in Chicago have long known, Chicago students always succeed when we invest in their success.

Together, our community has made incredible progress this decade. Since 2011, CPS has added an additional four years of classroom instruction by extending both the school day and year and providing access to universal full-day pre-k and kindergarten. This has allowed us to increase access to rigorous academic programs, invest in student supports like tutoring and mentoring, and empowered our school leaders towards success. During that time, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) students have outpaced the academic growth of national and state peers in both math and reading, while reaching historic highs for test scores, freshmen-on-track, high school graduation and college enrollment rates.

Thank you for your tireless efforts over the past several years as we worked to ensure that Chicago children get the resources and funding they deserve so that we can continue to invest in our students who continue to reach new academic heights.

Sincerely,

Mayor