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Terrence Carter, Principal
Barton Elem School
City of Chicago SD 299
7650 S Wolcott Ave
Chicago, IL 60620

Re: Academic Improvement Award – 2008 Illinois Honor Roll School

Dear Principal:

Congratulations! Your school has earned an Academic Improvement Award! On behalf of the State Board of Education, I commend you and your staff for all the hard work required to help students demonstrate academic improvement over the last three years.

The 2008 Academic Improvement Award honors 153 schools across the state that have posted substantial gains and demonstrate that exemplary progress is possible at every level and can be sustained. The criteria for Academic Improvement Awards in 2008 are substantial:

- Show improvement of at least 7.5 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2007 and 2008, or
- Show an improvement of at least 15 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2006 and 2008; and
- Show an upward trend in state test results.

Enclosed you will find a certificate commemorating your school's award. At <http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu> you can learn more about the Illinois Honor Roll, which includes three categories of awards – Spotlight Schools, Academic Improvement and Academic Excellence. At this website, you will find a page devoted to your school and a customized logo for your use. Also, you will find the criteria for the awards and a full list of award winners.

We encourage you to celebrate your success and share the good news with students, parents and all community partners. Again, I extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Enclosure

cc: Arne Duncan, Superintendent
City of Chicago SD 299

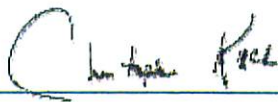
Working together

Students, educators, and families at

Barton Elem School

City of Chicago SD 299

Have earned a 2008 Academic
Improvement Award for Exemplary
Gains in Performance on the Illinois
Learning Standards



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