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Chase Elem School
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Dear Principal,

On behalf of the Chicago Public Schools, Illinois State Board of Education, the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and the Illinois Department of Human Services we are pleased to recognize the Circle of Quality that your Preschool Program has achieved in ExceleRate Illinois. As you know, ExceleRate Illinois is the state's new quality rating and improvement system for early learning and development programs that serve children from birth to age 5. ExceleRate unifies all of the state's early learning programs under a common set of standards across multiple settings to provide families with important information about quality early learning programs in their community.

ExceleRate Illinois is anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and places a high priority on instructional excellence, family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration. Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards. For Chicago Public Schools programs, evidence is obtained through the monitoring visits conducted through the Chicago Public Schools, Office of Early Childhood Education.

Congratulations, your school Chase Elem School, has achieved the **Gold** Circle of Quality. A certificate to recognize this award will be sent in a separate mailing from Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (INCCRRA).

To learn more about ExceleRate Illinois, including the specific requirements for each Circle of Quality, visit <http://www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/>. A website that provides parents and families with information to assist them in making early care and education decisions can be found at <http://www.excelerateillinois.com/>.

Thank you for your continued hard work and the high quality preschool programs you are providing to our youngest learners. Together, we will make a difference for all children in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Zumwalt".

Cindy Zumwalt
Early Childhood Division Administrator

cc: Jesse H. Ruiz, Interim CEO