



COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130

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Dear Cook County School District 130 Family and Community Members:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released our annual School Report Card on October 30, 2019, at www.illinoisreportcard.com. The Report Card shows how well our District is progressing against a wide range of educational goals. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has established high standards that apply to all schools Statewide. Likewise, we hold high expectations for all students at Cook County School District 130.

The State’s funding and accountability systems recognize that different schools in different communities need unique supports to reach those high expectations – just as each individual child needs different tools and encouragement to succeed. In addition, the State’s support and accountability system includes a summative designation based on multiple factors. This summative designation allows the State to compare schools across Illinois and to direct additional supports as needed.

For the first time ever, these designations and academic indicators appear alongside site-based expenditures – or how much money our District spends per student at each site. With these two data points, we have the opportunity to take a closer look at the relationship between financial investments and student outcomes.

All schools in Illinois will qualify for one of the four summative designations below:

Summative Description			
Exemplary School	Commendable School	Underperforming School	Lowest Performing School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No underperforming student subgroups Performance in the top 10% of schools Statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No underperforming student subgroups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more student subgroups performing at or below the “all students” group within the lowest 5% of schools Statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “all students” group is within the lowest performing 5% of Title I eligible schools Statewide

Veterans Memorial Middle School has received the summative designation of *Commendable*.

As you know, we are committed to continuous improvement and to providing the supports necessary for every child to succeed. We welcome this opportunity to build on the great work of our teachers and staff, and we look forward to partnering with our parents, families, and community members.

I encourage you to visit our District website at www.district130.org to learn more about your school’s designation. You may also contact your building principal to discover ways in which you can become active in your school community. Thank you for all your efforts to support Cook County School District 130!

Sincerely,

Colleen M. McKay, Ed.D.
Superintendent