



**BOARD OF EDUCATION, School District 148, Cook County**

*Our mission is to challenge and support all students to reach their highest level of performance.*

December 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Under the guidance of our dedicated educators and staff, District 148 students are continually enriching their knowledge and skills in becoming the brightest students who are making strides towards a promising future.

I am proud to share the significant growth of District 148's academic performance as illustrated in the 2018 Illinois Report Cards. There are four designations (Exemplary, Commendable, Low Performing and Needs Improvement). Six of our schools: Franklin, Lincoln Elementary, Park, Riverdale, Washington Elementary and Washington Junior High Schools earned the designation of Commendable from the Illinois State Board of Education. Please visit [www.district148.net](http://www.district148.net) to view each schools' designation rating.

Safety is always a top priority for our students and staff. In an effort to ensure our students are focused on receiving a high quality education, District 148 has vested in The BluePoint Life Safety Response Platform as another layer of security within our schools. The installation of a state-of-the-art system will supplement our current safety measures, practices and procedures.

Lastly, I would like to introduce Dr. Sonya L. Whitaker, the new Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Whitaker will be joining our administrative team on July 1, 2019 following the retirement of our current Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Patricia Moore. Dr. Whitaker has more than 25 years of educational experience and is a national speaker who has provided consultation in the form of keynote presentations and town hall think-tank discussions to educators, politicians, community and faith based organizations in various states.

In closing, my hope is for peace and kindness to fill your homes and our communities this holiday season. May you be surrounded by family and friends as you ring in the arrival of 2019!

Respectfully,

Dr. Kevin J. Nohelly  
Superintendent of Schools

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