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Dear Newberry Families,

Today, I received wonderful news from the Illinois State Board of Education and felt strongly that it should be shared with each of you. After their review of overall school performance over a two-year period, we are one of 167 schools in the state given the Spotlight Schools award. This form of recognition by the state has been granted to us for our ability to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress for the last two years in combination with 60% of our students meeting/exceeding standards in reading and math in the same two years.

As educators, parents, and students, we are oftentimes so deeply entrenched in the hard work and continued focus on academic and social-emotional growth that we tend to forget how profound our accomplishments appear to those outside the Newberry community. However, recognitions such as this serve a valuable purpose – they remind us that this little hidden gem in the heart of Chicago is a place where strong teaching and learning takes place daily and is a place where children from all walks of life learn to fully develop their many talents in a safe and nurturing environment.

As a parent, I am happy to know that schools like ours exist despite the many challenges faced by public education at a national level. As a school leader, I could not be more proud of every member of this strong community.

Sincerely,

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