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## **Three District 64 elementary schools join Lincoln Middle School on the 2008 Illinois Honor Roll**

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education announced at its May 11 meeting that four schools have been named to the 2008 Illinois Honor sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The four schools received an "Academic Excellence Award" for sustaining very high academic performance over at least three years.

For the first time, Carpenter, Roosevelt and Washington elementary schools were named to the distinguished roster. Only 296 elementary schools were recognized state-wide. Lincoln Middle School earned its place on the ISBE's Honor Roll for a third consecutive year. Lincoln is one of only 24 middle schools across the state to receive this award for 2008.

To earn the excellence award, more than 90% of students at these schools scored in the "meets or exceeds" range in both reading and math assessments on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) for the past three years. The schools also made "Adequate Yearly Progress" in 2007 and 2008, which included a student attendance rate of at least 90% and a 95% participation rate in state assessments for all students in each subgroup.

"We are very proud of this remarkable achievement for District 64, which is one of only 32 districts in Illinois to have four or more schools placed on the honor roll this year," according to District 64 Superintendent Sally Pryor. "This achievement is especially meaningful because it is based on a sustained, high level of student achievement, since each award recognizes performance over a three-year period," Dr. Pryor added.

Dr. Pryor congratulated teachers, parents and students for working together to create a "positive environment for success." She noted that teachers "are committed to challenging each student to do his or her best each day," while District 64 families provide a strong foundation for success by reinforcing the value of education at home. "I also want to acknowledge the students themselves who work hard to reach their personal goals for learning and growth," Dr. Pryor added.

The Board of Education congratulated Carpenter Principal Dr. JoAnn Fletcher and her predecessor Dr. Lynne Farmer, Lincoln Principal Jim Blouch, Roosevelt Principal Mary Jane Cole and Assistant Principal Andy Petrolina, and Washington Principal Kim Nasshan as well as the teachers and staffs at the schools during the meeting.

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