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Oak Grove Elementary District 68

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Dear Janice,

I am honored to share some very exciting student achievement news with you from Community High School District 128!

I have been notified by the American College Test (ACT) that District 128 earned an overall ACT composite score of **25.0** for the first time in district history based on the performance of the Classes of 2010 at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School. In addition, Libertyville High School broke the 25.0 composite score threshold for the first time in history with a **25.3** composite score. This represents a .4 increase from the previous year. Vernon Hills maintained a **24.7** composite score for 2010 after a .7 increase from the previous year. And finally, over the past 5 years, the D128 composite score has increased every year from 24.1 in 2006 to 25.0 in 2010.

The ACT is a significant measure of district, school and student progress because: 1) the ACT is a rigorous test based on national college readiness standards, 2) ACT scores are used as an important measure in the college and university admissions process and 3) all Illinois high school students must take the ACT at least once as part of the PS&E testing series. Although the ACT is

only one measure of outstanding high schools and student achievement, it is a highly regarded and widely recognized public measure of school and student success. The D128 25.0 composite

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score will once again place D128 among the highest performing multi-high school districts in Illinois and the United States.

With that said, on behalf of the District 128 Board of Education and staff, please accept my sincere thanks and congratulations to the entire Oak Grove Elementary School District 68 team for your excellent work in preparing your students for the rigors of a world-class high school education. Job well done!

As we celebrate our continued gains in achievement on the ACT and related measures of school and student achievement, such as Advanced Placement test results, we celebrate and recognize your outstanding work in curriculum, instruction and assessment that allows us to take your students to the next level when they enter high school. Quite simply, our success IS your success, and we are honored to be your partners in the important work to prepare our collective students for the challenges of the 21st Century.

So, from D128, LHS and VHHS, **THANK YOU** for all that you do to ensure the success of ALL your students. You do make a difference and you are appreciated!

Best wishes for a great 2010-2011 school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prentiss G. Lea".

Prentiss G. Lea, Superintendent