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Principal Mark Murray
Oak Prairie Junior High School
Will County SD 92
15161 S. Gougar Road
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Re: Academic Improvement Award – 2006 Illinois Honor Schools

Dear Principal Murray:

Your school has received an Academic Improvement Award! On behalf of the State Board of Education, I am writing to congratulate you and tell you how pleased we are with the efforts you and your staff have made to help students demonstrate academic improvement over the last three years.

To earn the Academic Improvement Award, a school must have made significant academic improvement by either:

- showing an improvement of at least 7.5 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2005 and 2006, or
- showing an improvement of at least 15 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2004 and 2006; and
- showed an upward trend in state test results.

Enclosed you will find a certificate commemorating your school's award. At www.isbe.net, you can learn more about the Illinois Honor Roll, which includes three categories of awards – Spotlight Schools, Academic Improvement and Academic Excellence. At this web site, you will find a page devoted to your school and a customized logo for your use. Also, you will find the criteria for the awards, a full list of award winners and press releases.

We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to celebrate your successes locally.

Again, I extend my congratulations and very best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Copy: Superintendent Dr. Gary Peck, Will County SD 92