



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Laurino (39)

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**Title:** Congratulations extended to Saint Edward School on being named Exemplary High Performing Blue Ribbon School for 2017

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**CONGRATULATING SAINT EDWARD SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED AS AN EXEMPLARY  
HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, St. Edward Parish and School Community were honored to have the Most Reverend Francis J. Kane, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, celebrate the prestigious award bestowed by the United States Department of Education, the Blue Ribbon for Exemplary Education; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council has been informed of the significant honor bestowed upon the Saint Edward School by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward,; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than thirty years, the United States Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized outstanding public and non-public schools. In identifying several hundred outstanding schools annually, the program celebrates school excellence, turn around stories, and closing subgroup achievement gaps. The Award is both a high aspiration and a potent resource of practitioner knowledge; and

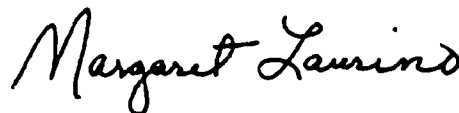
**WHEREAS**, St. Edward School was founded in 1910 by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. "Academic Excellence, Christian Values, and a Caring Community" succinctly describe its Mission Statement. It emphasizes educating the whole child: socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It provides a full spectrum of classes in which every student is instilled with life-long learning skills in order to serve one another and the global community. It holds the students to high academic standards, striving for excellence, while preparing them for college and career readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Edward School (affectionately known as "St Ed's") has thrived under the leadership of Principal Sr. Marie Michelle Hackett, O.P.; and

**WHEREAS**, St Ed's believes in a collaborative style of leadership and learning. Each year, the school chooses a theme that is used as a community focus, thus incorporating all grade levels. The principal, teachers, and parents strive to create a happy, safe, and positive environment for all students. It is a school that prides itself on encouraging and being supportive of one another; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this eighth day of November, 2017, do hereby congratulate the Saint Edward School, and all its students, faculty, staff, parents and community for being named as an Exemplary High Performing Blue Ribbon School for 2017, and extend our very best wishes for their continued success.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Saint Edward Elementary School.



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Margaret Laurino  
Alderman, 39th Ward

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