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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Director of Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations  
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**RE:** Board Salute

**Salute to WeGo Together for Kids**

- Molly Beck Dean, Director
- Hannah Martin, Program Manager
- Jennifer Rodriguez, Early Childhood Manager

**Submitted by:** Sarah Norton, Assistant Director of Partnerships

The Dept. of Partnerships and Gary School would like to thank WeGo Together for Kids for the District's first Book Vending Machine. WeGo Together for Kids is a long standing community collaboration serving children and families in West Chicago. One of the organization's six result areas is Academic Achievement.

This year, WeGo Together is focused on building literacy throughout West Chicago for children of all ages. In line with this goal, WeGo Together purchased a Book Vending Machine for Gary School. The machine accepts tokens that students can earn through demonstrating positive behavior. This is one of the options they can "purchase" on the Cougar Cart, Gary's PBIS reward system. On January 27th, WeGo Together hosted a ribbon-cutting event, where one student from every class was able to learn about the machine, receive a book, and share the exciting news with their classmates. This donation from WeGo Together for Kids was generous and has ignited a passion and excitement for reading from our youngest learners.

Thank you to Molly Beck Dean, Director, Hannah Martin, Program Manager, and Jennifer Rodriguez, Early Childhood Manager, for making this happen for our students!