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Mr. Kerry Smith, Principal
Pine Crest Elementary School
Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUD 4
505 S Kennedy Dr
Georgetown, IL 61846

Re: Spotlight Schools Award – 2010 Illinois Honor Roll

Dear Principal:

Congratulations! Your school has been selected by the Illinois State Board of Education as a 2010 Spotlight School.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, I commend you and your staff for the hard work and effort that allows your students to succeed academically. The Spotlight award recognizes a high poverty school where academic performance is closing the achievement gap. Your school is one of 300 Spotlight Schools located in urban, suburban and rural areas earning honors this year.

The criteria for selecting Spotlight Schools are as follows:

- At least half the students enrolled are classified as low-income students in 2010.
- Schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress for the last two years, 2009 and 2010, as required by No Child Left Behind.
- At least 60 percent of students must have met or exceeded standards in both reading and mathematics in 2010, and at least 50 percent of students met or exceeded those same standards in the two preceding years; 2009 and 2008.

Enclosed you will find a certificate commemorating this award. At <http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu>, you can learn more about the Illinois Honor Roll, which includes three categories of awards – Spotlight Schools, Academic Improvement, and Academic Excellence. At this website, 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 and a full list of award winners.

We encourage you to celebrate your success and share the good news with students, parents and all community partners. Again, I extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Koch".

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

Enclosure

cc: Gregory A Irwin, Superintendent
Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUD 4