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Dear Bhavna Sharma-Lewis:

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, we are pleased to recognize the Circle of Quality that your Preschool for All/Preschool for All Expansion (PFA/PFAE) program has achieved in ExceleRate Illinois, the state's quality recognition and improvement system for early learning and development programs. ExceleRate unifies all of the state's early learning programs under a common set of standards across multiple settings to provide families with important information about quality early learning programs in their community.

ExceleRate Illinois is anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and places a high priority on instructional excellence, family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration. Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards. Evidence is obtained through the monitoring visits conducted through National Louis University's contract with the Illinois State Board of Education. During these monitoring visits, assessors collect evidence using the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Third Edition (ECERS-3) and the ISBE Compliance Checklist. Each program site is awarded an ExceleRate Circle of Quality based on its Compliance and ECERS-3 scores.

Based on your most recent monitoring results, **your PFA/PFAE site, Diamond Lake School**, has achieved the **Silver Circle of Quality**. This will serve as your active rating in ExceleRate and replaces any previous rating. A certificate to recognize this award will be sent in a separate mailing from Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (INCCRRA).

To learn more about ExceleRate Illinois, including the specific requirements for each Circle of Quality, visit www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com. A website that provides parents and families with information to assist them in making early care and education decisions can be found at www.excelerateillinois.com.

Together, we will make a difference for all children in Illinois. If you have any questions, please email the Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Development Department at earlychi@isbe.net.



Sincerely,

Alicia Lynch-Deatherage

Interim Director of Early Childhood Development

Illinois State Board of Education