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Dear Parents,

Congratulations! P.S./I.S.171 is one of 15 winners of the 2018 America's Best Urban Schools Award. Among the thousands of urban schools in the nation, we are among the few that met all of our rigorous eligibility criteria. Our school was selected as a winner because as a school community we have demonstrated impressive academic results for every demographic group. The site-visit teams had the incredibly difficult task of determining which finalist schools presented the greatest evidence of strength in four areas: curricular rigor, instructional effectiveness, relational quality, and continuous improvement efforts. The team of evaluators found evidence of these strengths at our school; therefore, we have been selected as one of the schools that will receive a Bronze, Silver, or the Gold Award at the 2018 America's Best Urban Schools Symposium. As mentioned in previous letters, the event will be held on October 9th and 10th at the San Diego Marriot La Jolla in San Diego, California. We are so excited to be a part of this powerful event to connect with other educational leaders across the nation to support academic excellence and equity for students.

I am inspired by the collaboration between our teachers, staff, parents and our community partnerships have set forth so that our school will serve as a model for urban schools throughout the United States. This is a great accomplishment and affirmation of our strengths as educators, parents and community members.

We look forward to joining an elite group of 145 schools that have been recognized in past years to celebrate this phenomenal achievement in San Diego!

Sincerely,

Dimitres Pantelidis