



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am proud to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Francis W. Parker School as you celebrate your 125th Anniversary.

Since its founding in 1901 through the vision of Colonel Francis Wayland Parker and with support from philanthropist Anita McCormick Blaine, Francis W. Parker School has prepared generations of young people not only for academic excellence, but also for leadership and service to their communities.

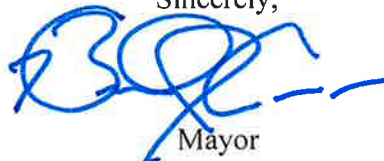
For 125 years, Francis W. Parker School has remained committed to an educational philosophy that nurtures curiosity, critical thinking, character, civic responsibility, and society's fundamental needs.

This milestone honors not only Parker's history, but also the countless educators, students, families, and community members whose passion, courage, and dedication have brought its mission to life. The City of Chicago is deeply grateful for Parker's partnership and proud to recognize its enduring impact on generations of Chicagoans.

As you celebrate this historic occasion and look toward the future, may you continue to inspire young people, strengthen families, and uplift communities.

Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,



Mayor