



Proclamation

Presented this 1st day of January 2026

***WHEREAS,** the Francis W. Parker School was founded in 1901 in Chicago, Illinois, led by the educational philosophy of Colonel Francis Wayland Parker, a pioneer of progressive education; and,*

***WHEREAS,** for 125 years, the School has remained committed to cultivating intellectual curiosity, creativity, character, and a lifelong love of learning in generations of students; and,*

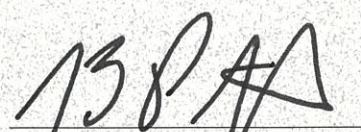
***WHEREAS,** the Francis W. Parker School has fostered an inclusive and vibrant community that values academic excellence, civic engagement, diversity, and respect for the dignity of every individual; and,*

***WHEREAS,** throughout its distinguished history, the School has prepared students to become thoughtful leaders, engaged citizens, and compassionate contributors to their communities and the world; and,*

***WHEREAS,** the celebration of the School's 125th anniversary honors its enduring legacy of educational innovation and recognizes the dedication of its faculty, staff, students, alumni, families, and supporters whose contributions have sustained its mission for more than a century;*

***THEREFORE,** I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Francis W. Parker School in its historic contributions to education and the people of our state.*




JB Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois