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Omaha Mayor To Honor Elementary Students' Commitment To Academic Excellence

OMAHA, Neb. – On May 11th, Omaha Mayor, Jim Suttle will honor the academic achievements of 326 Omaha Public Schools sixth-graders during a 10 a.m. ceremony at The Holland Performing Arts Center.

This annual event is the grand-finale celebration for the sixth-grade students who participate in The Partnership For Our Kids goal-setting program. All students that participate in the Partnership's goal-setting program work to accomplish academic and life skills goals every quarter. The sixth-graders who meet their goals for three out of four quarters are eligible to attend this recognition ceremony.

Mayor Suttle and Omaha Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. John Mackiel, will speak to the students about the life-long importance of goal setting. In addition, student representatives from the twelve Partnership elementary schools will speak about the impact the goal-setting program has made on their lives. The 12 OPS elementary schools that will be represented are: Belvedere, Conestoga Magnet, Field Club, Fontenelle, Franklin, Howard Kennedy, Jackson, Kellom, King, Miller Park, Mount View and Saratoga.

Following the ceremony, a short reception for the students and their families will take place at the Omaha World Herald Pavilion, 13th and Dodge Streets, weather permitting.

In-kind donations and services for this event are provided by Builders Supply, ConAgra Foods, Holland Performing Arts Center, Hy-Vee Foods, Leo A. Daly, Lozier Corporation, Mutual of Omaha, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, OPPD, TSYS Acquiring Solutions and Wells Fargo.

The Partnership For Our Kids was formed in 2007 when Omaha youth-serving organizations, Winners Circle and All Our Kids joined forces to support disadvantaged youth from kindergarten through high school. The Partnership is dedicated to providing a community of caring that helps more Omaha youth to graduate and pursue higher education. Today, the Partnership serves 5,000 students in 22 Omaha Public Schools with caring adult mentors and goal buddies, career exploration opportunities, service learning projects, goal-setting skills, academic support and college access.

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