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MWRD honors Horizon Science Academy-Belmont for academic progress

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners recently welcomed students and staff from Horizon Science Academy-Belmont to its Board room to honor the students for their significant academic progress.

Horizon Science Academy-Belmont is part of Concept Schools, a Chicago-based, non-profit educational management and consulting organization whose goal is to create nationally recognized urban charter schools that stimulate high student achievement while improving the surrounding communities. In September, 25 percent of students met or exceeded state standards on the CSAT. When the tests were taken again in December, 61% of students met or exceeded state standards. Students' scores in both math and reading improved over the same period, and the school earned first place in the Concept Schools Spelling Bee.



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The students who helped Horizon Science Academy-Belmont achieve the greatest improvement in CSAT scores of all 30 concept schools included: third grade students Dakota Adams, Luis Abarca, Matthew Cordero, Keilani Gomez, Javaria Lester, Jada Morrero, Atea'ya Walker, and Camron Williford; fourth grade students Noelani Barrientos, Jaylen Ingram, Jordan Lodygowski, Jedah Mckinnie, David Anderson, Stephan Ellis, Xavier Gomez-Flowers and Kenneth Neal; and fifth grade students Julian Soto, Jadakis Barajas, Lanaya Dalby, Sevion Dyer, Danyai Funches, Seth Hilton, Jonathan Lucas-Tolbert, Khiyla Pittman, Jonathon Correa and Ta'mya Easterling.

"The students were very excited to be honored," said Principal Serdar Kartal. "Most of them had never been to a Board meeting, let alone been applauded at one."

MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan said that "these students represent the future of the scientific community, and we applaud their hard work and encourage them to pursue careers in science. We recognize Horizon Science Academy-Belmont for their marked academic growth."

About Horizon Science Academy

The mission of Horizon Science Academy is to prepare students for college by creating an effective learning environment of higher standards and expectations with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.