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DISTRICT 181 RANKED #6 IN REGION, #7 IN STATE

Based on 2006 Illinois School Report Card data, School Search has ranked Community Consolidated School District 181 in sixth place in an eight-county region and seventh place in the state of Illinois.

The ranking is derived by calculating the overall average percentage of "Meets" and "Exceeds" levels in the tested areas of reading and math at grade levels 3-8. Rankings were released this week by the Kansas City based firm.

Counties included in the metropolitan region include Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

Last year's School Search ranking, based on 2005 ISAT scores, placed District 181 seventh in the region and ninth in the state of Illinois. In 2005, students in Grades 3,5, and 8 were tested. In 2006, students in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were tested.

"I couldn't be happier with the results that show 96.01 percent of our students met or exceeded state standards," said Dr. Mary Curley, who will retire June 30. "Sustaining excellence is a challenge in itself. To continue to improve is a tribute to the hard work of our District 181 team. Our students, teachers, administrators and Board of Education members have continually tried to make our district the best it can be. It has been an honor to be able to serve as the educational leader of such an exemplary school district."