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## **MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RECOGNIZES 40 CHICAGO-AREA SCHOOLS FOR THEIR WORK TO IMPROVE SCIENCE EDUCATION**

**CHICAGO (May 9, 2018)** – The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) honored 40 Chicago-area schools for their outstanding achievement in improving science education. The schools were recognized at an event on May 8.

The schools all participate in MSI’s Science Leadership Initiative, a three-year program that brings teachers and administrators together to improve science instruction throughout the entire school. It is the only program of its kind in Chicago and one of the only in the country that focuses on comprehensive change at all grade levels.

“Education can change lives, and quality science learning can open up a world of opportunities for our children,” said Andrea Ingram, MSI’s vice president of education and guest services. “We are thankful to these teachers, principals and schools for transforming the science education environment for their students.”

The Science Leadership Initiative is part of the Museum’s Welcome to Science Initiative, a suite of nationally recognized programs designed to improve teaching, engage students and showcase diversity in science.

The Science Leadership Initiative identifies the components of an effective science education, supports schools on a path to improvement, promotes a culture of shared leadership in a school, and recognizes schools as models of success.

Participating schools teach 30,000 students and include Chicago Public Schools as well as parochial and suburban public schools. Twelve schools are in their third and final year of the program and received special recognition:

- Chalmers School of Excellence, Chicago
- Chicago Academy Elementary School, Chicago
- Fairview South Elementary School, Skokie
- Goethe Elementary School, Chicago
- Hibbard School, Chicago
- Lorca Elementary School, Chicago
- Peck Elementary School, Chicago
- St. Bede the Venerable School, Chicago
- St. Bruno School, Chicago
- Sawyer Elementary School, Chicago
- Sundling Junior High School, Palatine
- Tarkington School of Excellence, Chicago

“Science at Goethe has changed pretty phenomenally in the last three years, and it all started with our partnership with MSI,” said Barbara Kargas, principal of Goethe Elementary School. “Every

opportunity that we have to expand opportunities at our schools for our kids continues to move things forward.”

Learn more at [msichicago.org/scienceleadership](http://msichicago.org/scienceleadership)

**The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI)**, one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. Come visit and find your inspiration! MSI is open 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414.

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