



OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The City of Chicago and Chicago Public Schools work tirelessly to make sure students can focus on their education without worrying about their safety. That's why we continue to invest in programs like Safe Passage, which helps keep students safe as they walk or ride their bikes to school each day.

As a complement to our recent expansion of Safe Passage, CPS is now partnering with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and the Chicago Department of Transportation on a new campaign. The "Stay Alert, Don't Get Hurt" campaign, which is part of the Chicago's Vision Zero Plan to keep our streets safe, will remind motorists to engage in safe driving behavior near schools and to heed the direction of crossing guards as they cross children and community members during bell times.

For the first time, February 14 – March 14 has been proclaimed Crossing Guard Appreciation Month in Chicago, and as such, we are kicking off this new campaign citywide on March 1. We hope that you will encourage your children to acknowledge their crossing guards with a handmade card, or even a simple thank you, during this month.

Thank you for your support as we strive to recognize our crossing guards and promote student safety.

Sincerely,

Mayor

Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Public Schools

Executive Director
OEMC

Commissioner
CDOT

CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION MONTH 2018

FEBRUARY 14TH - MARCH 14TH



**MY CROSSING GUARD
IS THE BEST BECAUSE**



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