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Hinsdale District 86 Schools Achieve High Ratings in National High School Rankings

*“U.S. News & World Report” Ranks Hinsdale Central 11th and Hinsdale South 32nd in Illinois
on Its Annual List of the “Nation’s Best High Schools”*

*“The Washington Post” Ranks Hinsdale Central 11th and Hinsdale South 19th on Its Annual
List of America’s “Most Challenging High Schools”*

Hinsdale, Ill. – May 15, 2015 – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 today announced that Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South High Schools have been recognized as being among the top high schools in Illinois based on two recently released, prominent national rankings placing them in the top-tier of all U.S. high schools. These rankings by “U.S. News and World Report” and “The Washington Post” reflect an examination of detailed data from thousands of high schools across the country. The annual lists include open enrollment public schools as well as those with selective enrollment, such as private, magnet and charter schools.

This year’s rankings compiled by “[U.S. News & World Report](#)” reflect 2013-2013 academic year Advanced Placement test performance for students from more than 29,000 high schools. U.S. News enlisted the American Institutes for Research, a Washington, D.C.-based social science research and evaluation organization, to analyze the data based on three principles: performance better than the state statistical average, proficiency rates for disadvantaged students and college-readiness. This year, “U.S. News & World Report” ranked Hinsdale Central 7th and Hinsdale South 34th in Illinois on its annual list of the “Nation’s Best High Schools.”

“[The Washington Post](#)” ranked Hinsdale Central High School 11th and Hinsdale South High School 19th in Illinois on its annual list of “America’s Most Challenging High Schools.” Education reporter Jay Matthews began the Challenge Index in 1998 originally ranking college preparedness in local high schools. The index now comprises approximately 22,000 high schools nationwide and reflects student performance on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests from 2014 for the 2015 rankings.

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“We are very proud that our schools continue to be recognized at the national level for high academic quality,” said Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law. “The relentless commitment from our talented educators to uphold the highest standards along with the dedication and hard work from all of our students creates an atmosphere that truly fosters learning and growth. We also thank our parents and the community for their support as we extend our tradition of excellence.”

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