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### **Omaha Mayor To Honor Elementary Students' Commitment To Academic Excellence**

OMAHA, Neb. – On Tuesday, May 6th, Omaha Mayor, Jean Stothert will honor the academic achievements of approximately 450 Omaha Public Schools fifth and sixth graders during a 10:00 a.m. ceremony at The Holland Performing Arts Center.

This annual event is the grand-finale celebration for students who participate in Partnership 4 Kids goal setting program. All students attending this recognition ceremony have met the requirements of the program, achieving goals in math, reading, life skills, and school attendance.

Mayor Stothert and Omaha Public School Superintendent, Mark Evans, will speak to the students about the life-long importance of goal setting. Each of the 12 participating schools will have a student representative address the ceremony's attendees with a personal speech reflecting on the impact Partnership 4 Kids has had on his or her life. These schools include; Belvedere Elementary, Conestoga Magnet Elementary, Field Club Elementary, Fontenelle Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Howard Kennedy Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Kellom Elementary, King Elementary, Miller Park Elementary, Mount View Elementary, and Saratoga Elementary.

In-kind donations and services for this event are provided by Holland Performing Arts Center, Hy-Vee Foods, Mutual of Omaha, Blue Cross Blue Shield, OPPD, Omaha World Herald, Metro Community College, Union Pacific, First Comp and Wells Fargo.

*Partnership 4 Kids is a goal setting and group mentoring program that builds hope for underserved students and helps them create a foundation for success from kindergarten to careers. The agency has been serving the youth of Omaha for 25 years and currently reaches 4,500 students. With a commitment of only 2-5 hours per month, P4K volunteers make a visible impact on the lives of students during the most crucial time of their development. Partnership staff and volunteers empower these kids to succeed by introducing them to caring adult role-models, teaching them how to set and achieve goals, inspiring them to explore a wide variety of career paths and giving them the keys to college access.*

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**Partnering with kids from kindergarten to careers**