



Department  
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Ted Strickland, Governor  
Deborah S. Delisle, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Cengiz Karatas, Principal  
Horizon Science Academy Cleveland  
6000 S. Marginal Road  
Cleveland, OH 44103

Dear Principal Karatas:

Congratulations to your school on being recognized as a *School of Promise* for the 2008-2009 school year! Your students, staff, parents and community should all be proud of this honor that demonstrates your commitment to closing achievement gaps and helping all students reach higher levels of achievement.

In being named a *School of Promise*, your school is part of an elite group of 134 schools recognized this year for high achievement in reading and mathematics for all groups of students, despite having 40 percent or more of your students coming from low-income backgrounds.

As a former district superintendent, principal and teacher, I have worked with students from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. I truly believe all students have the potential to succeed and that all students, regardless of their zip code, income, race or disability should receive the highest quality education we can provide. I thank you for your leadership and the commitment of your staff to help all students achieve at high levels.

In the coming weeks, you will receive an official *Schools of Promise* banner to display in your school building. If you have any questions about the banner or the award, please contact Sherry Panizo in the ODE Office of Policy and Accountability at (614) 387-0546 or [sherry.panizo@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:sherry.panizo@ode.state.oh.us).

Again, congratulations on this achievement, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah S. Delisle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

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