



November 9, 2015

Dr. John Hutton
Superintendent of Schools
Gurnee School District 56
3706 Florida Avenue
Gurnee, IL 60031

Dear Dr. Hutton,

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Districtwide 1:1 iPad Initiative at Gurnee School District 56 has been selected as an Apple Distinguished Program for 2015–2017, a two-year designation. Congratulations on being recognized as an exemplary learning environment for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence.

The administration and faculty at Gurnee School District 56 have shown that they demonstrate the Five Best Practices of an Apple Distinguished Program: visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.

Apple has engaged with educators for over 30 years to explore and enhance the experience of teaching and learning. Our education mission is to provide a learning environment that supports the way students live and how they want to learn. We applaud programs such as this one that advance this mission, ensuring that all students are prepared for future success in work and life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Couch", is located below the "Sincerely yours," text.

John Couch
Vice President, Education

cc: Dr. Colleen Pacatte, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment

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