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Mr. Jason Lind, Superintendent  
Millburn CCSD 24  
18550 W Millburn Rd  
Old Mill Creek, IL 60083

Dear Mr. Jason Lind,

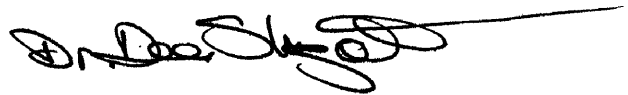
**Congratulations to you & your fine school district for earning the SchoolSearch™ 2012 Bright A+™ Award for academic excellence in education!** Your school district is one of only 59 Illinois School Districts (out of 868 school districts) honored with the **SchoolSearch™ 2012 Bright A+™ Award**.

*SchoolSearch™ awards school districts that are among the top 5% of Illinois school districts (academically).* All schools districts in Illinois with complete test data sets (as per the IL State Board of Education) are considered for the award. The award criteria are based on objective factors – on which all districts are judged fairly. The award criteria are based on those districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper 5% of Illinois school districts based on the 2011 IL School Report Card Data Source.

**SchoolSearch™** is an educational research & consulting firm that publishes Handbooks of school system rankings. SchoolSearch™ works with major companies by providing their relocating families school information. School quality is the top concern of most relocating families.

Enclosed is certification of your **SchoolSearch™ 2012 Bright A+™ Award for academic excellence**. Let us know if you are in need of additional certificates for building principals. You may view & print the award recipient list from our web site at [www.schoolsearchrankings.com](http://www.schoolsearchrankings.com). ***Congratulations & best wishes to you & your fine school district for striving to provide your students with an outstanding educational environment!***

Sincerely,



Dee Shugart, Ph.D.  
SchoolSearch™ President  
Educational Research & Publisher of Handbooks  
of School System Rankings

Enclosures

# Press Release

**A+ from SchoolSearch**

## **Announcing the 14th annual Illinois School District 2012 SchoolSearch™ Bright A+™ Award Recipients**

The award is based on those school districts with the highest academic performance in Illinois. Go to [www.schoolsearchrankings.com](http://www.schoolsearchrankings.com) to view & print award list.

**SchoolSearch™ honors fifty-nine (59) Illinois School Districts (out of 868 school districts) with the SchoolSearch™ Bright A+™ Award for academic excellence. These school districts are among the top 5% of Illinois school districts academically based on the following criteria (Source: 2011 IL Report Card Data):**

- **Elementary Criterion:** The overall average percentage of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) meets or exceeds percentages of reading & math. The Illinois State School District range for this overall average ISAT percentage is 54.10 (lowest) – 99.30 (highest) out of a possible range of 0-100. The Illinois State average for this percentage is 82.28. **Elementary/Unit School Districts with a percentage of 95.30 or above on this criterion qualified for this award.**
- **Secondary Criterion:** The ACT composite score of all students tested. The Illinois State School District range for the ACT is 13.3 (lowest) – 27.5 (highest) out of a possible range of 1-36. The Illinois State average ACT score is 20.6 & the U.S. average ACT score is 21.1. **High School/Unit School Districts with an ACT score of 23.4 or above qualified for this award.**

### **Highest Performing School Districts in Illinois:**

- The highest performing school district serving elementary students is Kenilworth SD 38 in Kenilworth, IL – Cook County (ISAT Overall Average Percentage: 99.30%).
- The highest performing school district serving high school students is New Trier TWP H S Dist 203 in Winnetka & Northfield, IL – Cook County (Act Score: 27.5).

The **SchoolSearch Bright A+™ Award list** is especially useful to families looking for a school district with a rigorous academic environment.

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*SchoolSearch™ provides comparative school district information for corporations, homebuilders, school districts, libraries, real estate professionals & relocating families – since 1991.*

In recognition for academic excellence, the

**2012 SchoolSearch™**

**Bright A+™ Award**

is awarded to

**Millburn CCSD 24**

**Old Mill Creek, Illinois**

  
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