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Mr. Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School
6206 North Hamlin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60659

Dear Principal Gamble and Students of Solomon Elementary:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago I would like to welcome all those gathered for the opening of the Solomon Elementary School turf field and basketball courts.

At Chicago Public Schools, we know that healthy students are better learners. Research shows that students who are more physically active during the school day perform better academically. To support these efforts, we have helped provide more CPS students with the additional school time they need and a place to play and stay physically active.

The improvements at Solomon Elementary will empower our children to adopt healthy lifestyles. These investments include an artificial turf field for team games and field activities with new asphalt pavement around the perimeter that will be used for track and running activities. The pavement on the basketball court closest to the school has been replaced and game stripping added to create two playable courts. The artificial turf field was built to alleviate flooding, soil compaction, and overuse issues. With an A+ school rating, the new turf field, track and basketball court now mirrors the educational excellence of Solomon Elementary.

I am committed to continue to strengthen our neighborhoods through these essential investments, ensuring every child in the City of Chicago is no more than a ten minute walk to a park or playground. Each playground and turf field will strengthen communities and provide our children with a fun, safe place to play as we continue to work to keep our students active and learning.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, congratulations and I look forward to seeing all of your bright futures!

Sincerely,

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Mayor