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Jeffrey Thake, Principal
Amboy High School
Amboy CUSD 272
11 E Hawley St
Amboy, IL 61310

Re: Academic Improvement Award – 2009 Illinois Honor Roll

Dear Principal:

Congratulations! Your school has earned an Academic Improvement Award! On behalf of the State Board of Education, I commend you and your staff for all the hard work required to help students demonstrate academic improvement over the last three years.

The 2009 Academic Improvement Award honors 147 schools across the state that have posted substantial gains. These schools demonstrate that exemplary progress is possible at every level and can be sustained.

The criteria for Academic Improvement Awards in 2009 are substantial:

- Show improvement of at least 7.5 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2008 and 2009, or
- Show an improvement of at least 15 points in state test scores in both reading and mathematics between 2007 and 2009; and
- Show an upward trend in state test results.

Enclosed you will find a certificate commemorating your school's award. At <http://www.ilhonorroll.niu.edu> you can learn more about the Illinois Honor Roll, which includes three categories of awards – Spotlight Schools, Academic Improvement and Academic Excellence. At this website, you will find a page devoted to your school and a customized logo for your use. Also, you will find the criteria for the awards and a full list of award winners.

We encourage you to celebrate your success and share the good news with students, parents and all community partners. Again, I extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Enclosure

cc: Quintin Shepherd, Superintendent
Amboy CUSD 272

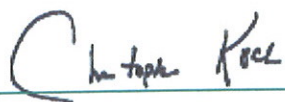
Working together

Students, educators, and families at

Amboy High School

Amboy CUSD 272

Have earned an 2009 Academic
Improvement Award for Exemplary
Gains in Performance on the Illinois
Learning Standards



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