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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL, CPS CEO FORREST CLAYPOOL AND CPS
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"Once again, facts don't matter to this administration. If they cared about facts and if they cared about the truth, they would know Chicago's students are outperforming their peers across the nation. Last year Chicago's students were among the nation's leaders in fourth grade reading gains and eighth grade math gains. Chicago leads all urban school districts for the increase in our graduation rate. Our students have achieved record highs for ACT scores and college acceptance. In fact, Chicago is the large urban system that grows its kids the most anywhere, [according to an analysis done by Sean Reardon at Stanford University](#). That may not match what this administration thinks about our nation's public schools, but it's the truth."

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And, in case you missed it, here are two recent stories lauding the major academic improvements by CPS:

New York Times: <http://nyti.ms/2mfkvsz>

Huffington Post: <http://huff.to/2oXfV37>