



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 7, 2017

CONTACT:

Mayor's Press Office

312.744.3334

press@cityofchicago.org

**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON WALTER PAYTON AND NORTHSIDE COLLEGE
PREP BEING NAMED THE BEST TWO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES**

Newly released data by Niche, which analyzes school data across the country, ranked two Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high schools as being the best two public high schools in the nation. In total, three CPS high schools were ranked among the top 10 nationally. Five of CPS high schools were ranked among the top 10 in Illinois.

"I am so proud of the great work by principals, teachers and students in these high schools, from Walter Payton to Northside Prep to Whitney Young, and throughout Chicago Public Schools. They are proving to everyone what those of us in Chicago have long known, Chicago students always succeed when we invest in their success," said Mayor Emanuel. "Our principals, our teachers and the nearly 400,000 children they serve deserve the support of their governor and the state of Illinois as they continue to make incredible academic gains and outperform their peers across the country. So do their peers across Illinois, which is why school superintendents across Illinois support SB1, it's why editorial boards across Illinois support SB1 and it's why the governor himself agrees with 90 percent of SB1."

Best public high schools in the United States

- #1 - Walter Payton College Prep
- #2 - Northside College Prep
- #6 - Whitney Young High School

Best public high schools in Illinois

- #1 - Walter Payton College Prep
- #2 - Northside College Prep
- #5 - Whitney Young High School
- #9 - Jones College Prep
- #10 - Lane Tech College Prep

###

121 NORTH LASALLE STREET, ROOM 507, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602