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Fwd: CONGRATULATIONS ON OCCASION OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND US SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN'S VISIT

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To: Rita Prigioni <wisitalia.info@gmail.com>

On Wed, Nov 4, 2009 at 7:45 AM, Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries <italink@charter.net> wrote:

Dear board members of WisItalia and colleagues,

I am forwarding to you the message of the Director of the Italian Education Office in Chicago to the principal of Wright Middle School in Madison. As a charter school, Wright Curriculum has been enriched by the Italian language and culture program for 6th graders since 2005-6 school year thanks to the funding and support of the Italian government (through Italidea) and WisItalia, a reality president Obama and secretary Duncan will certainly appreciate to know today during the meeting at Wright. If it takes the proverbial village to raise children and educate them, this educational endeavor is certainly well placed and has contributed to the school's thriving efforts to secure a round and challenging curriculum to its students.

Best,

Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries

Begin forwarded message:

Date: November 3, 2009 11:39:09 PM CST

From: [Ufficio Scolastico - Consolato Generale d'Italia a Chicago](#)

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2009 11:09 PM

Subject: CONGRATULATIONS ON OCCASION OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND US SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN'S VISIT

Chicago, November 3rd 2009

To the Principal, Ms Nancy Evans:

Dear Ms Evans,

On the eve of President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's visit to Madison and to Wright Middle School, I'd like to express my warmest congratulations and my best wishes, also on behalf of the Consul General Alessandro Motta, to you, to students, to teachers, to school officials, along with the parents and the whole school community.

Having learned yesterday that your school had been chosen for the visit, actually I can only imagine how great and unforgettable this opportunity will be for the institution you are leading, and how exciting for the students, as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience", to see the President, together with the U.S. Secretary of Education.

This Consulate General, as a partner (through the not for profit Italidea) in funding the Italian language courses, accurately taught by Mr Andrew Muller, looks proudly at the Wright Middle as to a "charter" school in this Consular District, deeply committed to provide students with a flexible and creative approach to learning in a challenging and positive environment, open to technology and to a multicultural characterized curriculum, focused on developing citizenship skills and on decision-making.

In this context, learning foreign languages, such as the Italian language, does offer students engaging educational opportunities, enhancing their understanding of the world and of the different cultures.

Please, accept our greatest appreciation for your dedication and your precious commitment towards the Italian language and culture and for all your efforts in building an innovative school, aimed to foster each student in achieving excellence and in enriching personal talents.

Sincerely,

Eleonora Cammareri
Director of the Education Office
Consulate General of Italy
Chicago, Illinois