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Editor

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Mr. Gregory Hodge, Principal
Frederick Douglass Secondary School
2581 7Th Ave
New York, NY 10039



Dear Principal Hodge:

U.S. News & World Report would like to congratulate you on Frederick Douglass Secondary School receiving a silver medal in our second annual list of America's Best High Schools.

America's Best High Schools recognizes three categories of distinction: gold, silver, and bronze. Analysis is based on:

- Standardized test performance
- Proficiency rates of all students, including the least advantaged
- Challenging college-ready curriculum

The silver medal recognizes high schools meeting all three criteria.

A complete list of America's Best High Schools, as well as details about the analysis and the methodology used to develop the ranking, is available at www.usnews.com/highschools or www.schoolmatters.com. We encourage you to share this news with your community and the members of your local media.

Congratulations to you, your teachers and your students for achieving this great distinction.

Sincerely,

Brian Kelly
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