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Change for Good Luncheon Press Release

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Healthy Schools Campaign's Annual Change for Good Luncheon to Feature Dr. Karen Remley of American Academy of Pediatrics as Keynote Speaker and Special Message from First Lady

Chicago, Ill., July 19, 2016 -- This year's Change for Good Luncheon will be held on July 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Chicago, 300 East Randolph Street.

The Change for Good Luncheon brings together people in Chicago who care about children's health, education and the environment. Amidst all the challenges facing schools and communities in Chicago and across the country, the event provides an opportunity to share Healthy Schools Campaign's vision to make schools healthier places where all children can learn and thrive; it's a time to celebrate and thank the numerous partners and collaborators who have joined in making an impact and being part of the movement for healthy students, healthy schools, a healthy Chicago and a healthy nation.

The event will feature keynote speaker Dr. Karen Remley, who serves as the Executive Director and CEO of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). As one of the most well-respected organizations in the country when it comes to the health and well-being of children, AAP works on policy recommendations, supports its initiatives through advocacy and collaborates with community-based organizations on many programs and projects.

Another highlight of this year's Change for Good luncheon is the celebration of a group of individuals who has made a significant impact and worked to support the health and wellness of students: Parents United for Healthy Schools. Since 2006, Parents United has been a leading force in successfully advocating for healthy change in Chicago schools, from bringing back recess to transforming school food and making breakfast in the classroom available across the city. Parents United works with principals, teachers, school staff and students to advocate for healthy school environments and bring about positive change in Chicago schools. HSC is thrilled to honor the group for their ten years of hard work and dedication.

The Change for Good Luncheon is co-chaired by Sandra Bruce, President Emeritus of Presence Health and Sharon O'Keefe, President of the University of Chicago Medical Center. It is hosted by Healthy Schools Campaign Civic + Business Advisory Committee, which is co-chaired by Ms. Bruce and Terry Mazany, President and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust.

About Healthy Schools Campaign

For more than a decade, Healthy Schools Campaign (HSC) has been committed to making schools healthier places for all students. HSC's important work focuses on supporting the health and wellness of all children and helps schools become vibrant places that support a healthy community. HSC's programs focus on transforming school food, student fitness, the classroom experience, student health services and schoolyards. HSC helps parents, principals, teachers, school nurses and others implement change at the local school level with strong community support, and then use the knowledge gained through those on-the-ground experiences to advocate for student health and success at the state and national levels.