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Official Statement from Golden Apple on the passing of
Chicago School Board President Michael Scott

CHICAGO (November 16, 2009) – Golden Apple, a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and developing excellence in teaching, has released the following statement regarding the passing of Chicago School Board President Michael Scott:

The men and women of Golden Apple join other Chicagoans in mourning the tragic death of Chicago School Board President Michael Scott. Mr. Scott was a recipient of our Stanley C. Golder Community Service Award in 2006 for his compassionate devotion to CPS children including the College Textbook Scholarship program he initiated and his effort to engage students in learning and character building through the art of ballroom dancing. Our prayers go to Mr. Scott's family and to all who carry on the essential work of improving the educational experience for Chicago's children.

About Golden Apple

Golden Apple began in 1985 with founders Mike and Pat Koldyke and a shared inspiration — to offer outstanding schoolteachers a level of recognition and engagement in the larger work of education reform. Golden Apple's successful track record now spans more than 20 years. Integrated, innovative Golden Apple programs and resources enhance the quality, resiliency, and creativity of classroom teachers and improve teaching and learning throughout Illinois. Qualified, passionate educators — including Golden Apple Award-winners and finalists — lead a small staff of dedicated employees with functional and program expertise. A connected and committed board of directors oversees Golden Apple's strategic direction. Together with a larger community of expert educators, the not-for-profit organization works to ensure that all Illinois children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

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