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Clerk Brown's Inspirational Dr. King Speech Receives Standing Ovation at Providence St. Mel



Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, gives a rousing speech at the Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration at Providence St Mel School.

(CHICAGO, Monday, January 20, 2014) -- More than 800 students, faculty, parents and special guests spontaneously applauded Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, during the delivery of her inspirational remarks at Providence St. Mel's Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration.

Clerk Brown creatively interwove the event's theme: "With God's Help, We Will Find a Way," a line taken, in part, from the school's mission statement, into a motivating narrative about Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement, her own humble beginnings, and the transformative story of Providence St. Mel School.

"This year's theme is especially provocative because it encourages our youth to understand how important it is to be fully committed in order to succeed against great odds," said Clerk Brown.

Clerk Brown delivered a compelling speech. “By interweaving Dr. King’s story, my story, and the story of Providence St. Mel, I wanted to demonstrate that, with faith, each one of us has within us the capability of making a better life, a better society, and a better world,” said Clerk Brown.

During the program, Providence St. Mel students gave inspirational readings, and performed vocal and musical selections. Afterwards, Clerk Brown visited several classrooms where students engaged in thought provoking lessons on Dr. King’s life and legacy.

“I appreciate Providence St. Mel President Paul J. Adams III, his faculty and students for inviting me to participate in this year’s King celebration,” said Clerk Brown. “The students of Providence St. Mel are remarkable.”

Providence St. Mel School (PSM) is a private, coeducational (preschool through 12th grade) school located in East Garfield Park. Today, Providence St. Mel has more than 600 students and a 35-year success record of 100 percent of its seniors being accepted to colleges.

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