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ST. LOUIS CITY POLICE AND KIPP INSPIRE ACADEMY TEAM UP FOR BLUE PALS 10-WEEK PEN PAL PROGRAM

Officers and Students Write Letters to One Another During Program

St. Louis, Mo. – Twenty-four St. Louis Police Officers and twenty-three fifth grade students from KIPP Inspire Academy embarked on a letter writing journey, writing and sending letters to one another, as part of the Blue Pals Program which began in February. Blue Pals is a 10-week pen pal program in which middle school students and police officers volunteer to correspond through letter writing in an effort to foster mutual understanding and build lasting relationships through education.

The Blue Pals program began with each KIPP student writing and sending an introductory letter to their police officer pen pal. In return, officers of all rank and assignments responded to their student pen pal, exchanging four letters for the duration of the program.

The program concludes with a reception for students and officers to share their letters and meet face-to-face for the first time. The media is invited to cover the event.

Who: SLMPD & KIPP Inspire Academy
What: Meet & Greet Reception for Officers & Students
When: Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 3-4 p.m.
Where: KIPP Inspire Academy, 1212 N. 22nd Street

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