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Dear Colleague,

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR) invites your Public Housing Authority (PHA) to be a candidate for its 2023 Public Housing Communities Honor Roll.

### Background

CGLR seeks to disrupt generational poverty and ensure more hopeful futures for children of economically challenged, fragile and otherwise marginalized families. We support community-driven initiatives to improve the likelihood that these children will grasp the first rung of the success sequence ladder — graduation from high school. To advance this mission, we have actively partnered with [NAHRO](#), [CLPHA](#) and public housing leaders across the nation. For more information on these relationships, click [here](#).

In January 2017, CGLR published its [2015–2016 Public Housing Honor Roll](#), recognizing 40 PHAs for their exemplary work to improve attendance, reduce chronic absenteeism and create book-rich environments. The overwhelmingly positive response encouraged CGLR to refresh and update that strategy. In light of potentially generation-altering learning loss arising from COVID-19, the 2023 Public Housing Communities Honor Roll will also spotlight PHA-led efforts to promote equitable learning recovery along with early school success.

*“Public housing communities have a long list of successes from which all of us can learn, and which are worthy of attention, replication, and in some instances scale. This is true for all of CGLR’s ‘must-haves’ to accelerate equitable learning recovery. The data and stories from public housing communities explain why public housing leaders need to be at the table and in the mix with other key decision makers to assure equitable recovery.”*

### Opportunity

Your PHA has been nominated as a potential candidate for the Honor Roll. Please confirm your candidacy by completing and returning the attached Candidacy Confirmation Summary to [PHAHonorRoll2023@gmail.com](mailto:PHAHonorRoll2023@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**. You are welcome to submit separate candidacy forms for multiple programs/initiatives. A five-person panel of housing leaders will review all Candidacy Confirmation Summaries during February and March, with Honor Roll announcements no later than April 30, 2023. The Honor Roll will be shared via a press release sent to CGLR’s 20,000-person mailing list, with special outreach to school district and school board leaders in 20 states in which CGLR has a concentrated presence.

If your candidacy succeeds, your successes and lessons will be recognized as contributing to the search for working models, replicable proof points and sources for inspiration for others within other public housing communities. These co-created ideas are vital to helping PHAs across the country to maximize their housing platform to support children and families.

With any questions, please reach out to [PHAHonorRoll2023@gmail.com](mailto:PHAHonorRoll2023@gmail.com) and a CGLR team member will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your interest in CGLR’s 2023 Public Housing Communities Honor Roll. We look forward to learning more about your PHA’s work to support your youngest learners and their families.

Sincerely,

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