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**Acclaimed Actor/Writer Paul Dooley to Talk to CPS Students:
450 CPS Students to Attend Sold-Out Screening of *Come Away Home***

Chicago, IL – On Thursday, November 3rd acclaimed actor and writer, Paul Dooley (*Breaking Away*, *Happy Texas*, *Come Away Home*) will speak to 300 students at Philo Carpenter Elementary (1250 W. Erie Street) at 8:30 a.m. about being a Hollywood actor and his leading role in the film *Come Away Home* playing at the 22nd Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival. Directly after his talk, Carpenter students will head to the AMC City North Theatre (2600 N. Western Avenue) to attend a sold-out screening of the film at 10:15 a.m. and participate in a Q&A session with the actor about the film's themes of self-discovery and growth.

In addition to *Come Away Home*, Paul Dooley's recent film work includes *Happy Texas* with William H. Macy. He is best known for the gruff characters he has brought to life on the big screen, such as the lovable father in *Breaking Away*, *Wimpy* in Robert Altman's *Popeye*, and as Molly Ringwald's father in *Sixteen Candles*. As well, Dooley earned an Emmy nomination in 1994 for his role as the out-of-the-closet father on HBO's *Dream On* and was co-creator and head writer of the Emmy Award-winning PBS children's show, *The Electric Company*.

"We are very excited to welcome Mr. Dooley to Chicago to talk to CPS students," said Nicole Dreiske, Director of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival, "Just like his role in *Come Away Home*, his ability to connect with children is a true gift."

Admission to film screenings is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Discounts are available for groups or organizations. Advanced ticket sales are available online starting October 1st via Ticketweb. A complete schedule of the more than 220 films from 40 countries shown at the fest is available online at www.cicff.org. For more information call Kasia Iverson at (773) 281-9075 or email kasia@facets.org.

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