

**RESOLUTION RE: THE GROW OUR OWN IPLP TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
WINNERS SPONSORED BY THE GROW OUR OWN PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has initiated the Grow Our Own Program to encourage CPS Middle School and High School students to pursue teaching as a career; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Professional Learners' Partnership (IPLP), a consortium of five universities consisting of Illinois State University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northeastern Illinois University, Loyola University Chicago, and Roosevelt University, has provided funds from a grant through the Department of Education to support scholarships for the Grow Our Own Program; and

WHEREAS, the CPS high school seniors who are committed to pursue teaching at an IPLP school were judged by their grade point average, ACT scores, interviews, and an essay entitled "Why I want to become a teacher"; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the scholarships have committed to teach in Chicago Public Schools after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship recipients will receive mentoring throughout college through the Illinois Professional Learners' Partnership directed by Robert Fisher of Illinois State University and thereafter through the CPS Teachers Academy MINT program; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship winners for the Grow Our Own Program are Ardia Adah-Bush of Hyde Park Career Academy, who will be attending Millikin University, Theresa Blackman of Morgan Park Academy who will be attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Cynthia Leung of Whitney Young Magnet High School, who will be attending Loyola University Chicago, Maricruz Rodriguez of Juarez Community Academy, who will be attending Loyola University Chicago, Aubrey Rogers of Hancock High School, who will be attending Loyola University Chicago, and Zahra Somani of Sullivan High School, who will be attending DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, the Grow Our Own Program is managed by Tasha Green of Human Resources with an Advisory Council consisting of representatives from the Chief Executive Office, the Chief Education Office, the Office of High School Development, the CPS Teachers Academy, the Office of Education to Careers, the Regional Educational Officers, and our outside partners consisting of the Golden Apple Foundation, and Future Teachers of Chicago/Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Chicago Board of Education, gathered here this 24th day of July, 2002, do commend the Grow Our Own Scholarship Award Winners for their achievement, do thank the parents, teachers, and advisors to the award winners for their guidance, do thank the Department of Human Resources and the representatives on the Advisory Council and IPLP for their commitment to encouraging CPS students to pursue teaching as a career and for planting the seeds to "Grow Our Own" Chicago Public Schools teachers.