

January 24, 2007

**RESOLUTION RE: MARGARET LALLEY  
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE DAWES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, after twenty-six years of faithful and dedicated service, Margaret Lalley will retire from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Lalley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, a Master of Science degree in Special Education, and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Lalley has served the children of the Chicago Public Schools from 1980 to the present. She started her career at CPS at Dubois CPS in 1980 where she worked as the learning disabilities resource teacher. Margaret Lalley also worked as the reading clinic teacher at Hyde Park High School and high school teacher in the Cook County Jail School from 1981-1984. During the 1984-1985 school year, Margaret Lalley taught children with emotional and behavioral disabilities at Owen CPS. In 1985, Margaret Lalley came to Dawes CPS where she worked as the learning disabilities resource teacher for five years and from 1991-1993 served in her first administrative role as the assistant principal of Dawes CPS; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2005-2006 school year, Dawes CPS was selected to be one of eighty-five newly designated Autonomous Management Performance (AMP) schools because Dawes CPS met and exceeded criteria for student performance, management, school climate, and special education; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Lalley has served as a mentor principal and president of the Auxiliary VII of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association. Under Margaret Lalley's leadership, student academic scores have grown steadily. Dawes CPS has been the recipient of many awards including: Rising Star Award, Mathematics and Science Magnet Cluster Initiative Award, Chicago Public Schools Attendance Award, Chicago Public Schools Continuous Academic Achievement Award, Exemplary Inclusive Model School Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Lalley will be greatly missed by the students and faculty at Dawes CPS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of January, 2007, do hereby extend to Margaret Lalley our heartiest congratulations upon her retirement as a Principal, and offer to her our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for her contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.