

June 24, 2009

**RESOLUTION RE: MARIA L VALLEJOS-HOWELL
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE ENRICO TONTI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 21 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Maria L Vallejos-Howell has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Maria L Vallejos-Howell was the Principal of the Enrico Tonti Elementary School, located on the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Maria L Vallejos-Howell began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a bilingual teacher at the James Shields Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Maria L Vallejos-Howell also served as Bilingual Lead Teacher and as Local School Council Member and Assistant Principal, going on to become the Principal in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Maria L Vallejos-Howell is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for her professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Maria L Vallejos-Howell will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Enrico Tonti Elementary School.

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 June, 2009, do hereby extend to Maria L Vallejos-Howell 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.