

September 22, 2010

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF JOHN DOTSON, TENURED TEACHER,
ASSIGNED TO EDWARD COLES LANGUAGE ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a hearing was conducted before an impartial hearing officer, Lawrence Cohen, appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded John Dotson, the hearing officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and recommended the dismissal of John Dotson; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has reviewed the post-hearing briefs and hearing transcript and exhibits ("record"), along with the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of Hearing Officer Cohen regarding the dismissal charges preferred against John Dotson; and

WHEREAS, the parties were given an opportunity to submit exceptions and a memorandum of law in support of or in opposition to the Board's adoption of Hearing Officer Cohen's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago finds that the facts constitute cause and grounds for John Dotson's dismissal; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago that John Dotson be dismissed;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as follows:

Section 1: After considering (a) the hearing officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation, (b) the record of the dismissal hearing, and (c) any exceptions and memorandum of law submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago adopts the recommendation of the hearing officer.

Section 2: John Dotson is hereby dismissed from his employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby ~~adopted~~ ~~rejected~~ by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on September 22, 2010.