REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REVIEW OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER REGARDING THE CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST CATHERINE ALIA, A TEACHER ASSIGNED TO REVERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

That the results of the Board of Education's review of the findings of fact and recommendation of the Hearing Officer regarding the charges preferred against Catherine Alia be reported. Accordingly, Catherine Alia should be

dismissed/retained as a teacher employed by the Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Section 34-85 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a teacher with contractual continued service status whom the Board seeks to dismiss from employment is entitled to a hearing before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education. After the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall report to the Chief Executive Officer findings of fact and a recommendation as to whether or not the teacher shall be dismissed from the Board of Education's employ. The Board of Education, after receiving the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation, shall make a decision as to whether

the teacher shall be dismissed from the Board of Education's employ.

On January 9, 2001, Ann Kenis, a hearing officer appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education, issued her report and recommendation that Catherine Alia be reinstated by the Board of Education. Thereafter, the Board of Education reviewed

the transcript of proceedings and post-hearing briefs, along with the

recommendation of the hearing officer, and statements from the parties, and determined that it would adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and

recommendation/reject the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation. Accordingly, Catherine Alia is hereby dismissed/retained as a teacher employed

by the Board of Education.

LSC REVIEW:

LSC Review is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION STATUS:

None.

FINANCIAL:

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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