

RESOLUTION RE: THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS DESIGN COMPETITION

WHEREAS, The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and a coalition of educational reform organizations came together in the Fall of 1999 to begin the process of hosting a national design competition to build two new public schools in Chicago – one on the south side in the Roseland community and the other on the north side in the Irving Park community; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the CPS design competition is to produce high-quality designs and innovative and architecturally-significant new buildings, while at the same time spotlighting generally the importance of school design and innovative methods of incorporating “universal design” techniques and small school philosophies in buildings that house a larger-than-ideal number of students; and

WHEREAS, the concept of Universal Design in schools is a program which is the future of design; and

WHEREAS, the CPS design competition has been made possible through generous grants from the Richard Driehaus Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, The Chicago Association of Realtors Educational Foundation, The Oppenheimer Family Foundation, The Polk Bros. Foundation, Nuveen Investments, and United Airlines; and

WHEREAS, various individuals at the Chicago Public Schools have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the design competition, including Tim Martin, Chief Operating Officer; Sue Gamm, Chief of Specialized Services; Giacomo Mancuso, Director of Capital Programming and Demographics; and various other staff members of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the four school communities involved in the design competition – InterAmerican Magnet School, Frederick Stock School, Davis Developmental Center, and Langston Hughes Elementary School – agreed to blend their programs to facilitate a high degree of special education inclusion and participated in selecting sites, critiquing designs, serving on the jury and planning for cohabitation, based upon CPS's assurance that these designs would be built on these sites, for these schools; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Board of Education previously designated land for and approved the building of these two schools on specific sites at its July, 2000 and November, 2000 Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, on January 19-21, 2001, the Jury for the CPS design competition met and selected eight architects from among 115 submissions to move onto Stage Two. The four architects for the north side were: Jack L. Gordon Architects, P.C. (New York), Lubrano, Ciavarra Design, LLC (New York), KoningEizenberg Architecture (Santa Monica), and Ross Barney + Jankowski (Chicago). The four architects for the south side were Smith-Miller + Hawkinson (New York), Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects (Atlanta), Marble • Fairbanks Architects (New York) and GROUND Design (Ann Arbor); and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2001 the jury for the CPS design competition announced the following winners:

North side: KoningEizenberg Architecture (Santa Monica)

South side: Marble • Fairbanks Architects (New York)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Chicago Board of Education gathered here this 25th day of April 2001, do commend these two winners of the design competition and commit to build the two winning designs, on the two sites designated, as soon as funding can be secured, giving the designers identified above the first right to negotiate with CPS for a design commission.