

RESOLUTION RE: WINNERS OF THE DEAF FINGERSPELLING BEE

WHEREAS, the Deaf Fingerspelling Bee is celebrating the nineteenth year of competition in the city of Chicago and the fourth year of competition at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, the Illinois Department of Human Services, and the Hands Advocacy Network for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing have co-sponsored the Deaf Fingerspelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, this unique event has deaf students lip-read each word pronounced by the judge and then sign the correct spelling; and

WHEREAS, the Deaf Fingerspelling Bee provides students the opportunity to enhance their skills in spelling, reading, and general word knowledge; and

WHEREAS, seven Chicago Public School students representing Jackson Elementary and Bell Elementary schools won in citywide competition and statewide competition were honored by the Chicago Public Schools at the Student Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Schools promote excellence in education through its support of the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' reading, writing and spelling abilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25th day of September, 2002 commend the above named winners for their accomplishments, thank the Region Education Officers and local school staff members for their dedication to providing students with a quality education, and recognize the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development's continued commitment to excellence in education for all Chicago Public School students.

Citywide Winners - Group A			Citywide Winners - Group B		
Place	Student	School	Place	Student	School
1 st	Tyrone Primous	Jackson	1 st	Bregitt Jimenez	Bell
2 nd	Daniel Carrasco	Bell	2 nd	Makisha Velez	Bell
3 rd	Brittany Tyler	Bell	4 th	Krystle Sanchez	Bell
4 th	Lance Brown	Jackson			

Statewide Winners - Group A			Statewide Winners - Group B		
Place	Student	School	Place	Student	School
2 nd	Tyrone Primous	Jackson	1 st	Bregitt Jimenez	Bell
3 rd	Lance Brown	Jackson	2 nd	Makisha Velez	Bell
			3 rd	Krystle Sanchez	Bell