REPORT REGARDING JULIE STAHLER, A TENURED TEACHER ASSIGNED TO MEDILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HER FAILURE TO REQUEST AN ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARING

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 documentation regarding the charges preferred against Julie Stahler be reported. Accordingly, Julie Stahler 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 if timely requested by the teacher. 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/retained from the Board of Education's employ.

On January 24, 2003, a pre-suspension hearing was held in the Bureau of Labor and Employee Relations, to notify Julie Stahler of the dismissal charges and specifications filed against her. Julie Stahler failed to be present for this hearing. Pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, Julie Stahler has ten (10) days in which to formerly request a State Board hearing. Julie Stahler failed to request a hearing as allowed under Section 34-85 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/34-85. Accordingly, Julie Stahler 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,

Arne Duncan

Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Acting General Counsel