

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF LOCAL SCHOOLS AWARDED PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MINIGRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of *Every Child, Every School: An Education Plan* for the Chicago Public Schools, (September 2002), is to assure that “the Chicago Public Schools will be the premier urban school district in the country by providing all our students and their families with high quality instruction, outstanding academic programs, and comprehensive student development supports to prepare them for the challenges of the world of tomorrow;” and

**WHEREAS**, Goal 5 of the Chicago Public Schools Education Plan recognizes “schools as centers of communities in partnership with families,” and states: “CPS schools will work in partnerships with families, local school council members, community agencies, universities, and the civic and business communities to promote student achievement and the development of child-centered neighborhoods and community oriented schools;” and

**WHEREAS**, findings from recent research cite that:

- When parents are involved in their children’s education, those children have higher grades, better attendance, and complete homework more consistently; and
- When parent involvement activities are well planned, inclusive and comprehensive at all grade levels, there are long-lasting gains for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 1997, the Chicago Board of Education adopted a **Parent Involvement Resolution** (97-0924-RS5) to support the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a parent involvement policy and program in every school which will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 1996, the Chicago Board of Education adopted a **Resolution Approving the Formation of a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Advisory Committee** (96-0424-RS5) to promote parent involvement in the Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, for the fourth year, the Office of Deputy Chief Education Officer Carlos M. Azcoitia has continued the competitive parent/family involvement minigrant program and other parent/community partnerships, using the assistance of volunteers from the PTA Advisory Committee to evaluate 90 applications;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

- That the commitment to meaningful parent/family involvement continues to be encouraged in every Chicago public school, and
- That the following 23 schools that received parent/family involvement minigrants of \$500 to \$2,000, in February, 2003, be recognized for their efforts to extend parent/family partnerships that will improve student achievement:

Louisa May Alcott Elementary  
 George Armstrong Elementary  
 Perkins Bass Elementary  
 Blair Early Childhood Center  
 Brighton Park Elementary  
 Augustus H. Burley Elementary  
 Peter Cooper Dual Language Academy  
 James R. Doolittle East Middle School  
 Emil G. Hirsch Metropolitan High School  
 George Leland Elementary  
 Arnold Mireles Academy  
 Wolfgang A. Mozart Elementary

Florence Nightingale Elementary  
 José Clemente Orozco Academy  
 Peirce School of International Studies  
 Casimir Pulaski Fine Arts Academy  
 Hannah G. Solomon Elementary  
 Charles P. Steinmetz Academic Centre  
 Frederick Stock Elementary  
 Alessandro Volta Elementary  
 West Park Academy of Fine Arts and Technology  
 Young Women’s Leadership Charter School  
 Richard Wright Elementary