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**RESOLUTION RE:
THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2003-2004 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, student attendance is a major key to student academic achievement and success;
and

WHEREAS, school administrators, faculty, staff, parents, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), the City of Chicago, local businesses, and the media joined together to promote improved school membership in the CPS; and

WHEREAS, state funding for schools is based on student membership; and

WHEREAS, increased state revenues will support the initiatives outlined in the education plan: *Every School, Every Child*; and

WHEREAS, the following elementary schools have achieved best attendance or most improved student attendance in their Area for September 2003 through November 2003 of the 2003-04 school year; and

WHEREAS, elementary schools that have achieved best attendance for September 2003 through November 2003 in their Area include: Edgebrook (Area One); Decatur (Area Two); Sayre (Area Three); Nobel (Area Four); Sabin (Area Five); Hawthorne (Area Six); Marconi (Area Seven); Irving (Area Eight); Haines (Area Nine); Whitney (Area Ten); Sawyer (Area Eleven); Carson (Area Twelve); Beasley (Area Thirteen); Lenart (Area Fourteen); Murray Language (Area Fifteen); Owen (Area Sixteen); McDade (Area Seventeen); Poe (Area Eighteen); and

WHEREAS, elementary schools that have achieved most improved attendance for September 2003 through November 2003 in their Area include: Solomon (Area One); Nettlehorst (Area Two); McNair (Area Three); Funston (Area Four); Near North Special Education (Area Five); Truth (Area Six); Beidler (Area Seven); Gregory (Area Eight); Drake (Area Nine); Grimes (Area Eleven); Fulton (Area Twelve); Beethoven (Area Thirteen); Guggenheim (Area Fourteen); Fiske (Area Fifteen); Vanderpoel (Area Sixteen); Gillespie (Area Seventeen); Aldridge (Area Eighteen); and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned elementary schools will receive \$4,000 to be used in further attendance improvement efforts in keeping with the *Attendance Improvement Initiative* launched by the Chicago Board of Education this school year to improve student attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago gathered here this 28th day of January, 2004, do hereby extend to the principals, faculty and staff members, parents, and students of the aforementioned elementary schools our heartiest congratulations for their school membership efforts, and offer them our sincerest and best wishes for continued success in improving student attendance rates in their schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution will be forwarded to all of the elementary schools so commended herein.