

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR 2005

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-43 of The Illinois School Code (the "Code"), the Chicago Board of Education of the City of Chicago (the "Board") is required to adopt an annual school budget for each fiscal year of the Board no later than 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year of the Board to which such budget relates; and

WHEREAS, the Board is to bring educational stability to the system and is empowered and directed by the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Section 34-3.3 of the Code to: (i) increase the quality of educational services in the Chicago Public Schools; (ii) reduce the cost of non-educational services and implement cost-saving measures including the privatization of services where deemed appropriate; and (iii) streamline and strengthen the management of the system, including a responsible school-based budgeting process, in order to focus resources on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also to bring financial stability to the system and is empowered and directed by the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Section 34-3.3 of the Code to develop a long-term financial plan that, to the maximum extent possible, reflects a balanced budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board is not required to balance its budget in accordance with an accounting system and procedure prescribed by the Chicago School Finance Authority because the financial oversight powers and responsibilities of the Chicago School Finance Authority have been suspended by Section 34A-411(c) of the Code until December 31, 2010, and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2005, the Board will incur expenditures necessary for the operation of the school system at the beginning of said fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow the orderly and efficient operation of the system for the benefit of the school children, it is appropriate for the Board to authorize expenditures prior to the adoption of the fiscal year 2005 annual school budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO as follows:

Section 1. Findings. It is found, declared and determined as follows.

- (a) Expenditures in fiscal year 2005 for educational and legal purposes which are necessary for the efficient operation of the Chicago Public School System prior to the adoption of the fiscal year 2005 annual school budget are authorized, subject to the limitations set forth in the next succeeding paragraph.
- (b) Such expenditures will not exceed the fiscal year 2004 appropriation levels, will be subject to the fiscal year 2004 budget's established standards and procedures and will be subject to appropriation in the fiscal year 2005 budget.

Section 2. Severability. To the extent that any prior resolution or policy of the Board (excluding Board Rules) is in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions of this Resolution shall be controlling. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Effectiveness. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption and will remain in effect through August 29, 2004.