

September 22, 2004

**RESOLUTION HONORING GIACOMO MANCUSO,
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS AND PLANNING**

WHEREAS, after thirty-four years of faithful and dedicated service, Giacomo Mancuso will retire from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

WHEREAS, Giacomo Mancuso was born in Vicenza, Italy and as a teenager moved to Chicago, Illinois and attended Fenger High School. In 1970, he received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Chicago where he majored in Spanish and had dual minors of Psychology and Philosophy. In 1972, he earned a Master's in Education from DePaul University and in 1983, a Doctor's Degree in Education from Nova University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mancuso began his career with the Chicago Public Schools in 1970 as a bilingual teacher at Philip Sheridan Elementary School. As one of the district's first bilingual teachers, he was a pioneer in the program, assisting in the development and nature of CPS services to English Language Learners; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Dr. Mancuso became a district bilingual coordinator, then the Assistant to Director in the newly established Bureau of Multilingual Education. In this role, in addition to being an outspoken advocate for the students, he assisted in the establishment and expansion of bilingual education programs throughout the city and the creation and evaluation of language assessment tests; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mancuso took on a new challenge in 1982, joining CPS' Business Administration as a budget analyst for the Business Manager in 1982. As a budget analyst, he conducted budget and labor analysis, developing computer applications for tracking expenditures in a more timely fashion. From 1983 to 1995, Giacomo Mancuso worked in the Department of Facilities, managing financial and budget issues for the department; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Mancuso was appointed to Director of Operations Support, working primarily in the development and execution of the Capital Improvement Plan for New School Construction. In 1997, he was named Director of Capital Programming, and in 2003 Director of School Demographics and Planning in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mancuso has been integral in the planning and development of 18 new schools, 31 additions and 27 annexes; planning the deployment of over 100 temporary units to relieve overcrowding; creating and revising school attendance boundaries to meet the demands of the city's changing student population; implementation of CPS' Geographic Information System unit; and the development and launch of the web based locator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mancuso is recognized as a leader, pioneer, advocate, mentor and friend. His devotion and firm determination to improve the quality of education for countless Chicago Public Schools' students has been invaluable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 22nd day of September, 2004, do hereby extend to Dr. Giacomo Mancuso our thanks for his service and offer our most sincere gratitude for his contributions to the school system and the children of the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Dr. Giacomo Mancuso.