

February 23, 2005

**RESOLUTION HONORING GREG RICHMOND
CHIEF OFFICER OF NEW SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT
OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, after more than ten years of faithful and dedicated service, Greg Richmond will resign from the Chicago Public Schools (“CPS”); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Greg Richmond served as Director of the Charter Schools Department and Chief Officer of New Schools Development; he has also served as an Assistant to Paul Vallas, former Chief Executive Officer; Assistant to Gery Chico, former Board President; and, Board Lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, under Greg Richmond’s leadership, the Chicago Board of Education authorized the creation of twenty new charter schools and eleven traditional or contract schools in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Greg Richmond pioneered charter school reform, initiating the nation’s first charter school Request for Proposal by an urban school district and the creation of a district-funded revolving charter school loan fund for start up and operational costs; and

WHEREAS, through the implementation of strong and comprehensive accountability measures, Greg Richmond has ensured a high standard of education and oversight at all new schools approved under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, under Greg Richmond’s direction, the Office of New Schools Development initiated and managed the Renaissance 2010 Request for Proposal and Transition Advisory Council process, launching a new era of community involvement and new school creation in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Greg Richmond’s commitment and tireless effort to improving and increasing the number and types of quality educational options within the Chicago Public Schools will leave a lasting impact throughout our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Greg Richmond is known as a thoughtful person and strong leader who has unselfishly served the cause of education and this school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of February, 2005, do hereby extend to Greg Richmond 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 Greg Richmond.