

**RESOLUTION HONORING ARMANDO M. ALMENDAREZ
DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER**

WHEREAS, after thirty-two years of faithful and dedicated service, Armando M. Almendarez is retiring from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

WHEREAS, Armando M. Almendarez received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Loyola University and a Master of the Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Almendarez began his career in 1972 as a teacher aide at the Andrew Jackson Elementary School and from 1978-1989 served as a teacher at the J.R. Harris Elementary School in Houston, Texas; and as a teacher and Assistant Principal at the Pickard Elementary and Nathan Davis Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, from 1990-1994, Mr. Almendarez served as Principal at Brighton Park Elementary School and James Hedges Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, from 1994-1995, Mr. Almendarez served as an Administrator in District 5; and

WHEREAS, from 1995-1997, Mr. Almendarez served as the first Region Two Education Officer; and

WHEREAS, from 1997-2000, Mr. Almendarez was appointed Chief Officer in the Office of Language and Cultural Education where he oversaw the development and adoption of the new policy for bilingual & world language education, "A Framework for Success". Additionally, during his leadership the innovative "Museums and Public Schools" (MAPS) program was created in collaboration with all the Museums in the Park, enabling thousands of students and teachers to incorporate museum education into their curriculum; and

WHEREAS, from 2000-2001, Mr. Almendarez served as Chief Officer in the Office of Language, Cultural and Early Childhood Education during which time he supervised the development of the Virtual Pre-k program, the development of the Early Literacy Framework and the first Tuition – based Pre-school programs in CPS. As Chief Officer, Mr. Almendarez also initiated the development of a website for the Chicago Public Schools Permanent Art Collection and spearheaded the development of memorandum of understanding with the Peoples Republic of China as well as the countries of Poland, Mexico, and France to promote cultural, educational and professional exchanges; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, Mr. Almendarez has served as Deputy Chief Education Officer for Curriculum Development. As Deputy Chief Education Officer, Armando M. Almendarez oversaw the alignment of curriculum services provided by the Office of Literacy, the Office of Mathematics and Science, the Office of Language and Cultural Education and the Office of Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Armando M. Almendarez's commitment to a quality education for all of the children of Chicago will have a long and lasting impact on CPS; and

WHEREAS, Armando M. Almendarez is recognized as an advocate of Arts Education, a leader among his peers, a mentor and friend to many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 16th day of November, 2005, do hereby extend to Armando M. Almendarez 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. May he enjoy a well deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Mr. Armando M. Almendarez.