

January 25, 2006

**REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REVIEW OF
THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
HEARING OFFICER REGARDING THE CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST
ALLEN SMITH, CONTRACT PRINCIPAL ASSIGNED TO PARKSIDE COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

That the results of the Board of Education's review of the findings of fact and recommendation of the Hearing Officer regarding the charges preferred against Allen Smith be reported. Accordingly, Allen Smith should be dismissed ~~/retained~~ as a principal employed by the Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to Section 34-85 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a contract principal whom the Board seeks to dismiss from employment is entitled to a hearing before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education. After the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall report to the Chief Executive Officer findings of fact and a recommendation as to whether or not the contract principal shall be dismissed from the Board of Education's employ. The Board of Education, after receiving the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation, shall make a decision as to whether the contract principal shall be dismissed / retained from the Board of Education's employ.

On November 30, 2005, Ellen J. Alexander, a hearing officer appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education, issued her report and recommendation that Allen Smith should be dismissed by the Board of Education. Thereafter, the Board of Education reviewed the transcript of proceedings and post-hearing briefs, along with the recommendation of the hearing officer, and statements from the parties, and determined that it would accept the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation ~~/reject the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation~~. Accordingly, Allen Smith is hereby dismissed ~~/retained~~ as a contract principal employed by the Board of Education in accordance with the Board's Opinion and Order which shall be filed under separate cover.

LSC REVIEW: LSC Review is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION STATUS: None.

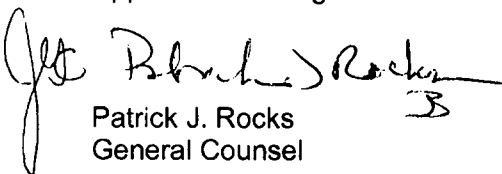
FINANCIAL: None.

Respectfully submitted,



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel