

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
2011 SUMMER INNOVATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-22.33A authorizes the Board to establish voluntary summer school programs to conduct courses in subject matters normally embraced during the regular school year and, further, to conduct mandatory summer school programs for those students who have not satisfied promotion requirements, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.33B;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1114 of the No Child Left Behind Act ("NCLB") empowers and directs the Board to provide opportunities for all children to meet the State's proficient and advanced levels of student academic achievement;

**WHEREAS**, the Board supports opportunities that will provide summer educational programming to students in all grades and not just benchmark grade students who have not satisfied promotion requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the Board supports opportunities that will help all students advance towards key learning milestones of college- and career-readiness standards and that will help all students become powerful thinkers, effective communicators, and engaged learners;

**WHEREAS**, national research indicates that students experience a "learning loss" during the summer, in all grade levels in math and in reading in early elementary years;

**WHEREAS**, while students learn at similar rates during the regular school year, research indicates the degree of summer learning loss differs according to student race, socioeconomic status, disability and status as an English language learner, widening the achievement gap over time;

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve the opportunity to continue to learn over the summer, including students residing in traditionally underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to broaden and deepen summer learning opportunities for all students through an innovative pilot program known as the Summer Innovation Program that will also provide opportunities for educators to enhance their skills.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. The Office of Student Support and Engagement is hereby authorized to establish a Summer Innovation Program at a minimum of 150 schools during summer 2011 for students in non-benchmark grades and students in benchmark grades who satisfied promotion criteria and who are not otherwise required to attend the Summer Bridge program.
2. The 2011 Summer Innovation Program shall be offered to families on a voluntary basis with particular emphasis on encouraging parents of primary grade students to take advantage of this free program to improve their child's academic skills and achievement level.
3. The duration and dates of the 2011 Summer Innovation Program will generally follow the same calendar established for the Summer Bridge program.
4. After the conclusion of the 2011 Summer Innovation Program, the Office of Student Support and Engagement shall issue a report to the Board on program enrollment, implementation and effectiveness.
5. Nothing in this Resolution shall modify the promotion requirements established by the Board for elementary students as set out in the Board's Elementary Promotion Policy, as amended.