

September 28, 2011

**RESOLUTION RE: ROBERT W. RUNCIE
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Arne Duncan, former Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, appointed Robert Runcie to serve as Chief Information Officer for Chicago Public Schools in 2003;

WHEREAS, Robert Runcie left his role as the president of Advanced Data Concepts, which he founded in 1998, to serve the students and families of the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Information Officer, Robert Runcie lead a team of 150 professionals to implement the largest web-based student information system in the country, IMPACT, which gives additional time for instruction, and the Parent Portal which allows parents to monitor their children's academic performance;

WHEREAS, Robert Runcie, also created district-wide programs to allow local schools to increase the student to computer ratio by 200% over three years during his tenure as Chief Information Officer;

WHEREAS, Ron Huberman, former Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, appointed Robert Runcie to serve as Chief Administrative Officer for Chicago Public Schools in 2009;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Runcie sought to align operational resources to support strategies for improving student achievement in the district, and to provide leadership to administrative units that served the entire district;

WHEREAS, Robert Runcie also managed community based back-to-school initiatives, the first Safe Haven program which provided a safe and educational environment for students during school breaks, created the Family and Community Engagement unit and initiated the Community Action Council Pilot;

WHEREAS, that vision, which calls for a focus on parental and community engagement has served as a foundation for the new Board of Education and executive team to expand the District's strategy for engagement;

WHEREAS, Terry Mazany, former Interim Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools, appointed Robert Runcie to serve as Chief Area Instructional Officer for Chicago Public Schools in 2010;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Area Instructional Officer, Robert Runcie lead faculty, parents and community stakeholders in conversations focused on increasing student achievement, eliminating achievement gaps, ensuring elementary students are high school ready, increasing high school graduation rates, decreasing high school dropout rates and, increasing the number of high school graduates who attend college;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Robert Runcie continued his ongoing support of strategic use of technology for district-wide business and educational practices;

WHEREAS, Robert Runcie has honorably served the students and families of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Board of Education hereby extends to Robert Runcie the district's gratitude for his contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago.