

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AWARD OF GRANTS TO AND APPROVE
ENTERING INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND
CONTRACT SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONGER SCHOOL DAY
PIONEER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Chicago Public School students spend 15% less time in the classroom than the average American public school student and the District has the shortest school day of all major American urban school districts;

WHEREAS, academic studies, education experts, and high-achieving schools with extended time in Chicago and across the nation confirm that additional instructional time and enrichment programs are key factors in student success;

WHEREAS, the Chicago Board of Education has created the Longer School Day Pioneer Program to benefit Chicago Public School students and increase student achievement;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Longer School Day Pioneer Program is to provide participating schools with the resources and support to enable them to provide at least 90 additional minutes of instruction per day. The school schedule must meet the minimum criteria of 450 total minutes and 390 instructional minutes. This additional time will benefit students by providing the opportunity to: spend more time on core academic subjects including math, science, and social studies; work on literacy skills, broaden enrichment activities including physical education, art, music and library time; provide students with individualized interventions to improve skills in core subjects as well as behavioral interventions and supplemental work for gifted students; give students an adequate mid-day lunch and recess period so they can recharge, and provide teachers with additional time each day for preparation and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to offer charter and contract schools, including the individual campuses of charter schools operating from more than one campus, the opportunity to participate in the Longer School Day Pioneer Program by offering grants to be used to implement programs and activities and obtain resources that further the goals and objectives of the Longer School Day Pioneer Program.

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

1. The preambles of this Resolution are incorporated into this section as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Portfolio Officer is authorized to issue a request for grant applications. Each applicant will be required to submit a proposal setting forth their schedule and any revisions to the schedule, their plan for utilizing the additional resources and how those resources support and further the goals of the Longer School Day Pioneer Program, and the school operator's plans for obtaining additional funding in the future to ensure the sustainability of the longer school day. The Portfolio Officer will review all grant applications and notify applicants of award status. Successful applicants will be awarded \$75,000 per school or campus for the 2011-2012 school year. Schools will also be eligible to receive a per teacher stipend of \$800. The aggregate of all grants awarded shall not exceed \$6 million.
3. The term of each grant agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is fully executed and shall end on June 30, 2012.
4. The Chief Portfolio Officer is authorized to award grants and determine the amount of each grant. The Chief Portfolio Officer, with the review and approval of the General Counsel, is authorized and directed to negotiate and execute the grant agreements.
5. The Chief Portfolio Officer shall develop a system that requires grant recipients to report the use of grant funds in furtherance of the Longer School Day Pioneer Program and shall present a summary report of activities funded by the grant to the President of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer no later than August 31, 2012.
6. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until amended or rescinded by further Board action.