

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ISABEL MESA-COLLINS  
CHIEF OF SCHOOLS, O'HARE ELEMENTARY NETWORK**

**WHEREAS**, after 32 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins will retire June 30, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins began her career with the Chicago Public Schools in the spring of 1981 as a Bilingual Teacher at James Russell Lowell Elementary School and has continued to serve students, administrators, and communities in the following roles: Assistant Principal at Sharon Christa McAuliffe Elementary School from 1991 to 1995, Principal at Thomas Drummond Elementary School, later named Drummond Montessori Magnet School from 1995 to 2007 and Area Instruction Officer and Chief Instruction Officer of Area 10 Elementary Schools 2007 to 2011;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins was appointed Chief of Schools for the O'Hare Elementary Network of the Chicago Public Schools in 2011 by the Chief Executive Officer, Jean-Claude Brizard;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins received a Bachelor's Degree from DePaul University and a Master's Degree in Education from Governor's State University;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins received a Doctorate's Degree in Education from DePaul University in 2011 with distinguished research in "Personalismo" and its impact on Latino Student Academic Achievement;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins commitment and tireless efforts provided leadership for Chicago Public Schools that contributed to growth in student achievement, improvements in attendance and the reduction of behavior problems and will leave a lasting impact on the schools that she has supported

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins is recognized as an education leader, an advocate for administrators, teachers, and public school students, and as a friend and mentor to many throughout the Chicago Public Schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Chicago Board of Education, gathered here this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, do hereby extend to Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins our thanks for her remarkable service and offer our most sincere gratitude for her contributions to the Chicago Public Schools and the children of the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Dr. Isabel Mesa-Collins.