

May 28, 2014

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING LEONORE DRAPER
SENIOR GRANTS ANALYST**

WHEREAS, after six years of faithful and dedicated service, Leonore Draper passed away on April 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Leonore Draper was hired as a Business Services Analyst in the Office of Specialized Services of the Chicago Public Schools in 2008, and continued to serve the students and schools of Chicago, most recently as a Senior Grants Analyst; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at the Chicago Public Schools, Leonore Draper utilized her considerable natural gifts as well as her Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, conferred from Clark Atlanta University in 2004, and her Masters of Business Administration degree from DePaul University, awarded in 2013 in support of the work. Chicago Public School departments which were directly impacted by having had Leonore Draper as part of their teams include Business Services in the Office of Specialized Services, Youth Development and Positive Behavior Supports in the Office of Specialized Services, Grant Development in the Office of Grants Management and Administration, Education Team in the Office of Budget and Grants Management, and Grant Development and Implementation Support in the Office of Grant Funded Programs. Each of these teams benefitted from Leonore Draper's commitment, knowledge, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, throughout Leonore Draper's service, she guided Chicago Public School departments and schools on the allowable and best use of Federal categorical funds including Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Title I and II to ensure maximum impact and increase the academic achievement of targeted students; and

WHEREAS, Leonore Draper was a most effective partner to the colleagues and offices she supported providing expert technical assistance and strategic guidance to align resources to the needs of schools and students; and

WHEREAS, Leonore Draper facilitated and improved external relationships with key funding agency partners including the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Leonore Draper was a constant champion of the work committed to continuous improvement, recently endeavoring to realign the Title I and Title II activities, goals, and evaluation to the CPS Action Plan and ensure consistency with the District Improvement Plan as a matter of best practice, and leading change efforts to improve guidance to all schools – traditional, Charter, and non-public; and

WHEREAS, Leonore Draper proved herself to be both extraordinarily talented and tirelessly committed to her work and service to the Chicago Public Schools for which we are all indebted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of May, 2014, do hereby extend to the family of Leonore Draper 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 Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Leonore Draper.