

May 28, 2014

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING
THE DISMISSAL OF RENITA PATTERSON, TENURED TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO
CHARLES N. HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a hearing was conducted before an impartial hearing officer, Vicki Peterson Cohen, appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing that was afforded to Renita Patterson, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and recommended that Renita Patterson be discharged from her employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has reviewed the post-hearing briefs, hearing transcript and exhibits ("record"), along with the findings of fact, conclusions of law, exceptions submitted on behalf of Ms. Patterson, and the recommendation of Hearing Officer Cohen regarding the dismissal charges preferred against Renita Patterson; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago finds that the facts and assessment of witness credibility as found by the Hearing Officer constitute cause and grounds for acceptance of the Hearing Officer's conclusions and for the discharge of Renita Patterson; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as follows:

Section 1: After considering (a) the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, (b) the record of the dismissal hearing and memoranda, and (c) any exceptions submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago accepts the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Officer, and accepts her recommendation of discharge;

Section 2: Renita Patterson is hereby dismissed from her employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on May 28, 2014.