

February 28, 2018

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 07-0822-RS1 AND ADOPT NEW RESOLUTION RE: HONORARY STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago recognizes its responsibility to ensure a quality education for the youth of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the student population possesses unique insight and valuable information concerning the process of education at its most fundamental level, the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is determined to improve communication opportunities between students and board members and administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, a better informed and more involved student population is a significant contribution to the improvement of education in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago shall appoint a representative of the high school elected student leadership as an Honorary Student Member of the Board of Education in accordance with the following parameters:

- The office shall be an honorary, non-voting office.
- The Honorary Student Board Member will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded when the student is admitted and attending a two or four year college or university.
- To be eligible to serve as an Honorary Student Board Member a student shall be a rising 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader (currently in grades 10 or 11) and shall have been elected by the student body of his/her school to serve as LSC student representative or student council officer, or has proven leadership experience.
- To be eligible to serve as an Honorary Student Board Member, a student shall have and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0, an attendance rate of at least 90%.
- To be considered for the office the eligible student must submit an application provided by the Board and current resume.
- The Board will select applicants to interview based upon the applicants written responses in the Candidate Application.
- The Board of Education shall have the final authority and discretion concerning the selection of the Honorary Student Board Member.
- The Honorary Student Board Member shall be selected annually in May and serve for one school year.
- The Honorary Student Board Member will be introduced at the May Board Meeting and invited to attend the public business portion of all Board Meetings between September and May of the following school year.
- A written release, signed by the parent or guardian, will be required before a minor Honorary Student Board Member is seated.
- The Board Secretary shall provide a schedule of Board meetings to the student selected to serve as Honorary Student Board Member, the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the principal of his/her school.
- The term of office of the Honorary Student Board Member shall expire at the end of the school year for which the Honorary Student Board Member was appointed, the expiration of the student's term as a student leader at his/her school, or his/her graduation, whichever first occurs.
- All vacancies in the office of Honorary Student Board Member shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the member's term.

The Honorary Student Board Member shall:

- Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education on issues of concern to students.

- Serve as liaison between the Chicago Public School student representatives and the Board of Education.
- Serve as an active participant on the CPS Student Advisory Committee, beginning right after he/she is selected as Honorary Student Board Member.