

May 24, 2023

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING LINDA LENZ,
FOUNDER AND PUBLISHER OF CATALYST**

WHEREAS, after a decades-long career reporting education news in the City of Chicago, Linda Lenz passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS, As founder and publisher of the education publication *Catalyst*, Linda Lenz was committed to helping parents fully understand what was happening in Chicago Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Linda Lenz began the nonprofit publication *Catalyst* in 1990 to help then members of Local School Councils become better informed as they began making decisions regarding such critical issues as curriculum, budgeting, and school leadership;

WHEREAS, Linda Lenz ensured that *Catalyst* was a publication that combined research, analysis, and an in-depth understanding about Chicago Public Schools;

WHEREAS, For 26 years, Linda Lenz created an education publication that served as a critical resource for CPS parents, teachers, administrators, and education experts;

WHEREAS, Linda has been described by her family, friends, and colleagues as a force of nature. Indeed, descriptions of Ms. Lenz include, aggressive but fair...considerate and respectful of all opinions...and one of the premiere experts on public education policy and trends in Chicago Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 24th day of May 2023, do hereby extend to the family of Linda Lenz our deepest sympathies upon her passing, and offer this resolution as an expression of our gratitude for her contributions to the field of public education and the students, staff, and families of Chicago Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Linda Lenz.