

June 28, 2023

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING  
THE DISMISSAL OF GAIL BLOW, TENURED TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO  
CARRIE JACOBS BOND 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, Danielle Carne (the "Hearing Officer"), certified by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Gail Blow, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and recommended that Gail Blow be dismissed from her position as a teacher with Chicago Public Schools;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has reviewed the hearing transcript, exhibits, and post-hearing briefs ("Record"), along with the findings of fact and recommendation of the Hearing Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties were given an opportunity to submit exceptions and memoranda of law in support of or in opposition to the Board's adoption of the Hearing Officer's recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 34-85(a)(7) of the Illinois School Code, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago is charged with deciding whether the teacher shall be dismissed from its employ.

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

**Section 1:** After considering (a) the Record of the dismissal hearing, (b) the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and recommendation, and (c) the exception and memoranda of law submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has issued an Opinion and Order accepting the recommendation of the Hearing Officer;

**Section 2:** The Board of Education of the City of Chicago determines that the evidenced proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Gail Blow engaged in irremediable misconduct;

**Section 3:** Gail Blow is hereby dismissed from employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago; and

**Section 4:** 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 June 28, 2023.