

**REPORT REGARDING VIOLA WALKER, A TENURED TEACHER
ASSIGNED TO WENTWORTH SCHOOL AND HER FAILURE TO REQUEST
AN ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARING**

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

That the results of the Board of Education's review of the documentation regarding the charges preferred against Viola Walker be reported. Accordingly, Viola Walker should be dismissed/~~retained~~ as a teacher employed by the Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to Section 34-85 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a teacher with contractual continued service status whom the Board seeks to dismiss from employment is entitled to a hearing before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education if timely requested by the teacher. After the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall report to the Chief Executive Officer findings of fact and a recommendation as to whether or not the teacher shall be dismissed from the Board of Education's employ. The Board of Education, after receiving the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation, shall make a decision as to whether the teacher shall be dismissed/~~retained~~ from the Board of Education's employ.

On September 5, 2002, a pre-suspension hearing was held in the Bureau of Labor and Employee Relations, to notify Viola Walker of the dismissal charges and specifications filed against her. Viola Walker failed to be present for this hearing. Pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, Viola Walker has ten (10) days in which to formally request a State Board hearing. Viola Walker failed to request a hearing as allowed under Section 34-85 of the School Code of Illinois, 105 ILCS 5/34-85. Accordingly, Viola Walker is hereby dismissed/~~retained~~ as a teacher employed by the Board of Education.

LSC REVIEW: LSC Review is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION STATUS:** None.

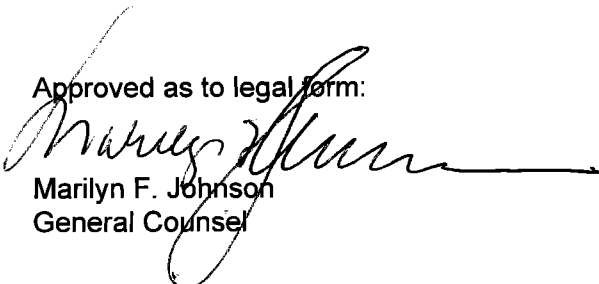
FINANCIAL: None.

Respectfully submitted,


Arne Duncan
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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:


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