

**RESOLUTION RE:
THE 2002-2003 CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE AND
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, student attendance is a major key to student academic achievement and success;
and

WHEREAS, parents, the Chicago Public Schools, the City of Chicago, local businesses, and the media joined together to promote improved school membership in the Chicago Public Schools' back-to-school initiative, "Reading is the Word, Back to School, September 3rd"; and

WHEREAS, principals and faculty and staff members combined their efforts to encourage and to promote student attendance and membership on the first day of school; and

WHEREAS, state funding for schools is based on student membership; and

WHEREAS, increased state revenues will support the initiatives outlined in the education plan: *Every School, Every Child*; and

WHEREAS, George Armstrong, Black, Carson, Decatur, Edgebrook, Edison, Haines, Healy, Andrew Jackson, Keller, Kellogg, Little Village, McDade, Murray, Owen, Poe, Reilly, and Volta schools have the highest membership/attendance in each of the 18 elementary school areas; and

WHEREAS, Madero had the highest membership/attendance of the year-round elementary schools; and.

WHEREAS, Brooks, Jones, Lane, Northside, and Young high schools have the highest membership/attendance in each of the six high school areas; and

WHEREAS, Attucks, Barnard, Blaine, Byrd, Dawes, De La Cruz, Disney, Edison, Finkl, Grant, Kinzie, Munoz Marin, Ogden, Paderewski, De Duprey, Reavis, Stockton, and Talcott schools had the most improved membership/attendance in each of the 18 elementary school areas; and

WHEREAS, Corliss, Flower, Rodriguez, Senn, and Tilden high schools have the most improved membership/attendance in each of the six high school areas; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned schools will receive a 2002 CPS Attendance Incentive Banner and \$4,000 to be used in further school improvement efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago gathered here this 20th day of November, 2002, do hereby extend to the principals, faculty and staff members, parents, and students of the aforementioned schools our heartiest congratulations for their school membership efforts, and offer them our sincerest and best wishes for continued success in improving student attendance rates in their schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to all of the schools so commended herein.