

**RESOLUTION HONORING ROBIN N. BLACK  
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, after seven years of faithful and dedicated service, Robin N. Black will resign from the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"); and

**WHEREAS**, Robin N. Black will move on to serve as Chief of Staff at the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of her resignation, Robin N. Black served as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Robin N. Black was in charge of the school system's legislative and governmental programs at the federal, state and local levels. Her responsibilities included advising the Chief Executive Officer, Board President and Members on legislative and political matters; planning and developing the legislative agenda and advocacy efforts; developing and maintaining effective relationships with governmental agencies and officials; and analyzing and assessing legislative, administrative and regulatory activities as they pertain to the school system's programs, activities and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her appointment as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Robin N. Black also served as an Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Hearing Officer, and Manager of Investigations for the CPS. In these capacities, Robin N. Black was responsible for reviewing Board policy, investigating fraud, and hearing matters related to school reform; and

**WHEREAS**, Robin N. Black holds a law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, a Master's degree in Education Administration and Social Policy from Northwestern University and a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Robin N. Black is a member of and holds leadership positions in a number of community and civic organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Chicago and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., NAACP, Chicago Urban League, the City Club of Chicago, and the National Organization for Women; and

**WHEREAS**, Robin N. Black's commitment and tireless effort of diligent advocacy on behalf of Chicago Public Schools and the Board of Education is highly commended. Community service has been a priority, as a student at Loyola Law, she was active in the Black Law Students Association, co-founded the Minority Mentorship Program and founded the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law Annual Race and the Law Symposium.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003 do hereby extend to Robin N. Black our thanks for her service and offer our most sincere gratitude for her contributions to this school system and the children of the City of Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Robin N. Black.