

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

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

WHEREAS, school administrators, faculty, staff, parents, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), the City of Chicago, local businesses, and the media joined together to promote improved school membership in the CPS; 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, the following high schools have achieved stellar attendance rates and/or made significant gains in their attendance over the past four years for the ninth through twelfth grades; and

WHEREAS, high schools that have maintained 90 percent attendance or better over a four-year period include Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, Chicago High School for Agricultural Science, Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville, Hubbard High School, Jones College Preparatory High School, Lane Technical High School, Northside College Prep, Prosser Career Academy, Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center and Whitney Young Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, high schools with attendance growth of approximately four percentage points over a four-year period include Crane Technical Preparatory Common School, Farragut Career Academy, Hancock High School, Manley Career Academy and Robeson High School; and

WHEREAS, high schools with attendance growth greater than four percentage points over a four-year period include Carver Military Academy, Corliss High School, Julian High School, Kelly High School, Phillips Academy, Senn High School, Sullivan High School and Tilden Career Community Academy; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned high schools will receive \$5,000 to be used in further attendance improvement efforts in keeping with the *Attendance Improvement Initiative* launched by the Chicago Board of Education this school year to improve the high school attendance rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago gathered here this 17th day of December, 2003, do hereby extend to the principals, faculty and staff members, parents, and students of the aforementioned high 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 will be forwarded to all of the high schools so commended herein.