

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
REGARDING THE REINSTATEMENT OF BRENDA SAWYER, TENURED TEACHER,
FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO GRANT COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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, Howard Gopman, appointed by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Brenda Sawyer, the hearing officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and recommended the reinstatement of Brenda Sawyer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has reviewed the post-hearing briefs and hearing transcript ("record"), along with the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the hearing officer regarding the dismissal charges preferred against Brenda Sawyer; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Sawyer has been afforded an opportunity to submit a statement to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago with respect to the hearing officer's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago that the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law should be adopted and that Brenda Sawyer should be reinstated;

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

Section 1: After considering the hearing officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation, and after a thorough review of the entire record of the dismissal hearing, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law and accepts the recommendation of the hearing officer.

Section 2: Brenda Sawyer is hereby reinstated to her employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago. Since Grant Community Academy is now closed, Brenda Sawyer shall be assigned to the reassigned teacher's pool subject to the Board's Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers, Board Report No. 04-0623-P02. Additionally, Brenda Sawyer shall be entitled to net back pay.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby adopted/~~rejected~~ by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on October 26, 2005.