

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted an Elementary School Promotion Policy, Board Report 09-1028-PO2 (the "Policy") which identifies promotion criteria for elementary students in the benchmark grades of 3, 6 and 8;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy specifies promotion criteria in three main areas: (1) classroom grades of "C" or better in Reading and Math, which grades reflect satisfactory unit test scores and consistent completion of homework assignments during the year, (2) scores on district-wide assessments in Reading and Math at or above the 24<sup>th</sup> National Percentile Ranking, and (3) no more than nine unexcused absences;

**WHEREAS**, students in the benchmark grades of 3, 6, and 8 who do not satisfy all promotion criteria specified in the Policy at the end of the regular school year are required to satisfactorily complete summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of summer school is to provide intense academic intervention for students who have not demonstrated sufficient academic progress to ensure their readiness to work at the next grade level;

**WHEREAS**, a very small percentage of benchmark students are assigned to summer school due to attendance only and these students generally have classroom grades and district-wide assessment scores comparable to their promoted peers;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to ensure that the summer school requirement is focused on students in need of intense academic intervention to ensure their readiness to work at the next grade level;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to modify the Policy to remove the summer school requirement for students who have not satisfied the promotion criteria due to attendance only;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy further specifies requirements for overage elementary students (students 15 years old or will be 15 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the following school year), to attend an Achievement Academy program or other appropriate placement;

**WHEREAS**, the Achievement Academy program is being phased out coincident with the establishment of a citywide Acceleration Program;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to modify the Policy to specify that overage elementary students will now be referred to the new Acceleration Program;

**WHEREAS**, students currently enrolled in the Achievement Academy programs will continue to be enrolled in those programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to further modify the Policy to recognize changes to the District's organizational structure.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. Beginning with elementary promotion determinations at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, benchmark grade students who meet all promotion criteria specified in the Policy except for the attendance criteria will be promoted to the next grade level and not referred for summer school.
2. All references in the Policy to Achievement Academy shall now be deemed to reference the Acceleration Program.
3. All references in the Policy to the Office of P-12 Management shall now be deemed to reference the Office of Instruction.