

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted an Elementary School Promotion Policy, Board Report 09-1028-PO2, as amended by Board Resolution 12-0523-RS1 (the "Policy"), which identifies promotion criteria for elementary students in the benchmark grades of 3, 6 and 8;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy specifies academic performance promotion criteria for grade 8 students 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) final report card grade in Writing of "C" or better for the academic year or a passing score on the District-Wide Writing Assessment;

**WHEREAS**, grade 8 students 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**, a very small percentage of grade 8 students are assigned to summer school due to failure to meet the writing requirements only and these students generally have classroom grades and district-wide assessment scores comparable to their promoted peers;

**WHEREAS**, the District has elected to discontinue administration of the District-Wide Writing Assessment;

**WHEREAS**, the District has adopted the Common Core State Standards which fully incorporate writing into the curriculum of core subject areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to modify the Policy to remove the summer school requirement for grade 8 students who only fail to satisfy the writing promotion criteria.

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

Beginning with promotion determinations made at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, the District shall apply only the Reading and Math academic performance promotion criteria outlined in the Policy when making promotion determinations for grade 8 students.