

**RESOLUTION RE: AVIS LaVELLE  
FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, after six years of distinguished service, Avis LaVelle has resigned as Vice President of the Chicago Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Avis LaVelle was appointed to serve as a member of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees in April, 1997 by the Honorable Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley; and

**WHEREAS**, in July, 1999, she was first elected to the position of Vice President of the Chicago Board of Education by her fellow Board Members and since then has been re-elected to serve in that same capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, the Board of Education adopted several major policies to restore quality education to the Chicago Public Schools, including an earned promotion policy, a bilingual education policy, a comprehensive education plan, a revised magnet school policy and expanded program, and new high school graduation requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, the Board adopted and implemented a Capital Improvement Plan that has created new classrooms for thousands of children and has changed the face of public education in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided leadership to the effort to restore financial, managerial and academic credibility to the Chicago Public Schools, enabling the district to raise funding for school construction, to obtain labor cooperation and a record of significant academic improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Avis LaVelle served on the Board without compensation, devoting many hours of her time to Chicago's public schools and to the children of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, during her years of leadership, the Chicago Public Schools have become a model for education reform in the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 19th day of November 2003, do hereby extend to Avis LaVelle our gratitude for her many contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago and offer her our best wishes on future endeavors.