

**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO PROVIDE FREE UNIVERSAL SCHOOL BREAKFASTS**

WHEREAS, Illinois ranks 50th in the nation in school breakfast participation of low-income children; and

WHEREAS, 80% of Chicago Public School students qualify for Free and Reduced Price lunch; and

WHEREAS, only 25% of Chicago Public School students who eat Free and Reduced Price Lunch also eat Free and Reduced Price Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, scientific research proves that students who eat school breakfast show a general improvement in academic performance, including a general increase in math and reading scores and improvements in speed and memory in cognitive tests; and

WHEREAS, research from schools that provide school breakfast report improved classroom behavior, including decreases in discipline and psychological problems and increases in attentiveness and attendance; and

WHEREAS, Chicago kindergarten students are overweight (23%) at more than twice the national rate and children from predominantly minority communities in Chicago are overweight three to four times the national average, and

WHEREAS, research concludes that children who eat school breakfast eat more fruits, drink more milk, and consume less saturated fat than children who don't eat breakfast or eat breakfast at home, thus preventing childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, providing universal school breakfast to all students free of charge reduces the stigma that many low-income children face by eating school breakfast; and

WHEREAS, empirical evidence from cities that have implemented a Universal School Breakfast program show significant increases in participation; and

WHEREAS, providing breakfast in the classroom decreases labor costs, allows for bus schedules to remain the same, and allows parents to maintain their morning schedules; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Public Schools provide universal school breakfast free of charge to all students in the first period classroom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chicago Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Arne Duncan and the President of the Chicago Board of Education Michael Scott come before the next scheduled City of Chicago City Council's Committee on Education to discuss the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Arne Duncan.

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