



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 2/28/2018

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Chicago Public Schools leadership for implementation of gradual closure plan for three high schools

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Public Schools will phase out three South Side high schools over three years rather than abruptly closing them in June of 2018 and will allow current students to graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this announcement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Public Schools had originally announced the closures as it heralded plans to build a new \$85 million high school on the campus of Robeson High School located at 6835 South Normal Avenue, which is slated to open in the fall of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The original plan called for closing all of the schools after this year but the closure plan drew complaints from community activists and leaders at a series of meetings; and

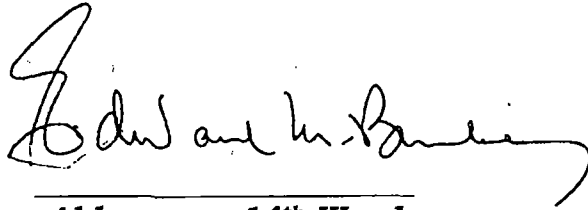
**WHEREAS**, Under the revised plan, Harper, Hope and Team Englewood high schools will remain operating until current freshman graduate according to Chicago Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Janice Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, No new freshman will be admitted to the schools being phased out which are among the City's most under-enrolled; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Teachers Union Vice President Jesse Sharkey praised the decision in a statement and credited "enormous pressure from parents, students, teachers and local residents"; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby congratulate the leadership of the Chicago Public Schools on its sensitivity and responsiveness in listening to public concerns and amending their plan for high school closures in the Englewood community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Janice Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Ramirez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**