



WHEREAS, Under the guise of "reform", the currently appointed Board of Education has allowed class size to increase. Art, music, physical education and after-school activities have been diminished or eliminated altogether while senseless so-called "high-stakes" testing eats up more classroom learning time. The developmental models for pre-school and kindergarten curricula has been radically eroded and has drifted back to the Prussian models of rote learning and testing; and

WHEREAS, More and more parents and concerned citizens are questioning the sagacity of this direction and are demanding a role in the decision-making process at the ballot box. They only ask that they be accorded the same rights as every other taxpayer in Illinois outside Chicago's city limits. All other Illinois school districts are governed by locally-elected school boards, who hire a superintendent that hire administrators who must be approved by that board; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Illinois legislature and the governor to accede to this most modest demand by the Chicago taxpayer to be vested with the same right as the rest of their constituents; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the undersigned members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2015 AD hereby memorialize the Illinois state Legislature to expeditiously promulgate and enact statutes that replace the currently appointed Chicago Board of Education through the establishment of an elected representative school board for District 299 as it has done for all other Illinois school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Governor Bruce V. Rauner sign with out delay such legislation into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the Honorable John J. Cullerton, President of the Illinois Senate and the Honorable Bruce V. Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois.