RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO MULTILINGUAL PARENTS COUNCIL TO A ONE-YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, section 14C-10 of the Illinois School Code directs Illinois school districts to provide for the maximum practical involvement of parents of children in transitional bilingual education programs; and

WHEREAS, section 14C-10, accordingly, empowers and directs the Board of Education of the City of Chicago to establish a parent advisory committee which affords parents the opportunity to effectively express their views and which ensures that its transitional bilingual education programs are planned, operated and evaluated with the involvement of, and in consultation with, parents of children served by those programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 14C-10, the Board previously created the Chicago Multilingual Parents Council (CMPC) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board on issues related to the development, implementation and evaluation of its transitional bilingual education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted revised By-laws and Operational Guidelines for the CMPC providing for: nine (9) parent delegates from the six region-areas of the CPS to be elected by the presidents of local school bilingual advisory councils; and for: three (3) at-large parent delegates; six (6) community delegates from the six CPS region-areas; and three (3) at-large bilingual education personnel delegates, to be appointed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2003, the Board adopted a Resolution approving the election and appointment of new delegates to the CMPC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its By-laws and Operational Guidelines, at its annual organizational meeting held on July 10, 2003, the CMPC selected three (3) parent delegates as candidates for the presidency of the CMPC to be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for his recommendation of one of the candidates as the next president of the CMPC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CMPC By-laws and Operational Guidelines, the Chief Executive Officer has recommended that Maria Casimiro be appointed the next president of the CMPC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CMPC By-laws and Operational Guidelines, the Board is to appoint the candidate recommended by the Chief Executive Officer as the next president of the CMPC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of August 2003, do hereby approve and appoint Maria Casimiro as President of the Chicago Multilingual Parents Council, to serve a one-year term, pursuant to the By-laws and Operational Guidelines of the CMPC, commencing on the date of its first regular meeting for the coming school year.