

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
LACK OF FEEDBACK FROM 2006 STATE ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, West Chicago Elementary School District #33 is fully committed to leaving no child behind and developing all students into fulfilled and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Schools are required to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, Schools are required to administer state tests to students; and

WHEREAS, Student performance on standardized tests is the determiner of AYP; and

WHEREAS, Schools are required to develop and implement school improvement plans to increase student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Schools are dependent on state test results to develop and implement school improvement plans; and

WHEREAS, Schools face severe sanctions for failure to make AYP as measured by student performance on said tests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33, County of DuPage, State of Illinois wishes to state that the delay and lack of feedback from the 2006 State Assessments is detrimental to improving education and unacceptable for not only our own school district, but for all public school districts throughout the State of Illinois. Results have been delayed 9 months making it impossible for schools to respond with changes in programming and teaching strategies before the next test is administered in March 2007.

While all schools in West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33, County of DuPage, State of Illinois made AYP, and no school in District 33 is in "improvement status," it is requested that:

Section 1: The Illinois State Board of Education ensures a faster turnaround rate from the time of the test to feedback of test results so that schools may adequately use these results in School Improvement Plans. This includes results from ACCESS testing to second language learners. A turnaround time of three months or less is expected.

Section 2: The U.S. Department of Education grant flexibility to State Boards of Education and the local Boards of Education under them as they respond to unforeseen conditions by allowing justifiable variances from their NCLB implementation plans in response to these unforeseen conditions.

Section 3: The State Legislature allocate resources necessary for the Illinois State Board of Education and for Illinois schools to successfully meet the requirement of NCLB.

Section 4: The Illinois State Board of Education not add any new school that was not previously on the "Improvement Status List" for the 2006-2007 testing cycle.

Section 5: The Illinois State Board of Education not place any additional or increased sanctions on any school previously "In Improvement Status" during the 2006-2007 school year.

Section 6: The State Legislature support the Illinois State Board of Education's efforts to negotiate its NCLB implementation plan with the Department of Education.

Section 7: The State Legislature advocate for public schools in Illinois and balance the varying demands on public schools so that teachers can work on developing well-rounded citizens, rather than only focusing on students as the future workforce.

The Board of Education, West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33, County of DuPage, State of Illinois requests the Illinois School Board Association, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, and the Illinois Association of School Administrators support us by adopting similar resolutions.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2006.

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