



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

EUGENE SAWYER
ACTING MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 88-2

WHEREAS, a fundamental goal of the people of the City of Chicago is the educational development of all persons to the extent of their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, a sound educational reform implementation plan with long and short term goals related to reform initiatives is essential to the continued successful operation of any school system; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to personal development and to community, commercial, educational and cultural interests that public schools provide a quality educational program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has the duty to consider and approve courses of study, textbooks and other educational apparatus, to appoint qualified teachers and to secure for all students the right and opportunity to an equal and quality education; and

WHEREAS, every available means of assisting the Board to achieve its important mission should be encouraged and explored; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the creation of a School Reform Authority to promote the objectives of quality education and excellence in the classroom in the Chicago School System and to promote sound educational management and reform to ensure that a standard of excellence is set as an objective and attained by the school system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EUGENE SAWYER, Acting Mayor of the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois do hereby declare and order as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a School Reform Authority. The purpose of the Authority shall be to monitor the reform programs of the Chicago Board of Education and ensure that the Board implements the reform recommendations developed by the Mayor's Education Summit.

SECTION 2. The Authority shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall designate a chairman from among the appointed members. Three members shall be appointed to an initial term of two years and four members shall be appointed to an initial term of three years. Thereafter, each member will serve for up to three years and until a successor has been appointed. Vacancies on the Authority shall be filled in the same manner that the original appointments are made and shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant. Members of the Authority may be reappointed for subsequent terms.

SECTION 3. No member of the Authority may receive compensation, except that each member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

SECTION 4. The School Reform Authority shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To approve or reject in its totality the five year educational reform implementation plan and annual work program for the Board;

(b) To monitor the implementation of the reform plan and the annual work program throughout the school year and evaluate its effectiveness;

(c) To receive and analyze information from the State and Local Board of Education to determine whether funding for categorical programs is being used as intended;

(d) To contact and receive certification from the School Finance Authority to confirm that the Board's budget enables it to comply with the reform objectives;

(e) To make recommendations to the Board for additional programs and plans necessary to improve the educational quality of the public schools;

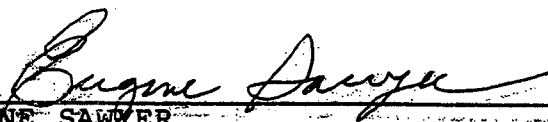
(f) To provide information to the School Finance Authority, the General Assembly and the State Board of Education regarding the implementation of the Board's plan;

(g) To submit annual and quarterly reports to the Mayor and the public on the Board's progress in effectuating its five year educational reform implementation plan and annual work program.

SECTION 5. The Authority may accept offers of gifts and may apply for grants from any governmental agency or funding source for projects furthering the implementation of its duties.

SECTION 6. The School Reform Authority shall exercise its powers and perform its duties during the 1988-1989 school year and shall continue fulfilling its mandate until such time as its function may be superceded by state legislation.

SECTION 7. This Order shall take effect upon its signature by the Mayor and receipt and filing by the City Clerk.


EUGENE SAWYER
Acting Mayor of the City of Chicago

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