



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE BEST INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

WHEREAS, the International Baccalaureate, as featured in *Newsweek*, named Trinity High School in River Forest one of the best International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the IB education foundation, founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better, more peaceful world through international understanding and respect; and

WHEREAS, IB programs teach students to explore what it is to learn, ask challenging and thoughtful questions, develop a sense of identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with people from different countries and cultures; and

WHEREAS, IB programs draw on content from educational cultures across the world, encouraging learning across disciplines and providing students with opportunities for individual and collaborative planning and research; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing, rigorous evaluations of authorized IB schools are part of the IB's commitment to keeping high-quality, consistent academic standards around the world; and

WHEREAS, Trinity became an accredited IB school twenty-four years ago, only the second one in the state to receive accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's IB program is a two-year course of study with six subject areas: language and literature, world language, history, science, mathematics, and the arts. It also requires an extended essay; a Theory of Knowledge course; and creativity, activity, and service components; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its twenty-nine math and science courses, Trinity offers thirty-two fine arts courses; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, fifty-six percent of all Trinity graduates received an IB diploma, with its students testing ten percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Trinity students who choose not to pursue the IB diploma are able to receive an IB certificate for individual courses taken, providing each student, regardless of academic track, with the tools to achieve her highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's single-gender environment fosters self-esteem, which plays an integral role in educational success; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, Trinity graduates have been awarded more than \$95 million in college scholarships, cementing Trinity's reputation as an academic powerhouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the teachers, students, and administration of Trinity High School for earning recognition as a top International

Baccalaureate program in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Trinity's principal, Noreen Powers, and president, Sister Michelle Germanson.