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**Type:**

Resolution

**Title:**

Call for Chicago Board of Education to establish moratorium on charter school expansion for 2014-2015 school year

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

**RESOLUTION**

*Education*

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Public School system (CPS) is studying ways to best consolidate a school district that according to their formula has too many seats, too few students to fill those seats, and not nearly enough funds to maintain that excess capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, In doing so they have actively sought input from all Chicagoans given the potentially devastating impact school closures can have on a community; and

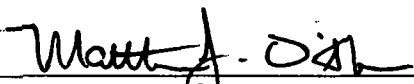
**WHEREAS**, A major factor contributing to the underutilization of CPS schools is the expansion of charter schools in Chicago. Currently, the number of seats available in charter schools amounts to more than half of the reported excess capacity. Moreover, any future expansion of charter schools will further exacerbate this problem; and

**WHEREAS**, It is not sound fiscal policy to fund the creation of any additional schools while facing such a large gap between enrollment and capacity; and

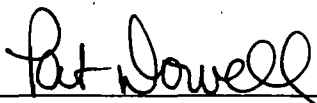
**WHEREAS**, CPS should not simultaneously close schools for budget reasons and fund the creation of additional privately operated charter schools; and


**WHEREAS**, Every seat created in a new charter school potentially increases what CPS has called the "chronic underutilization" of the public schools; therefore

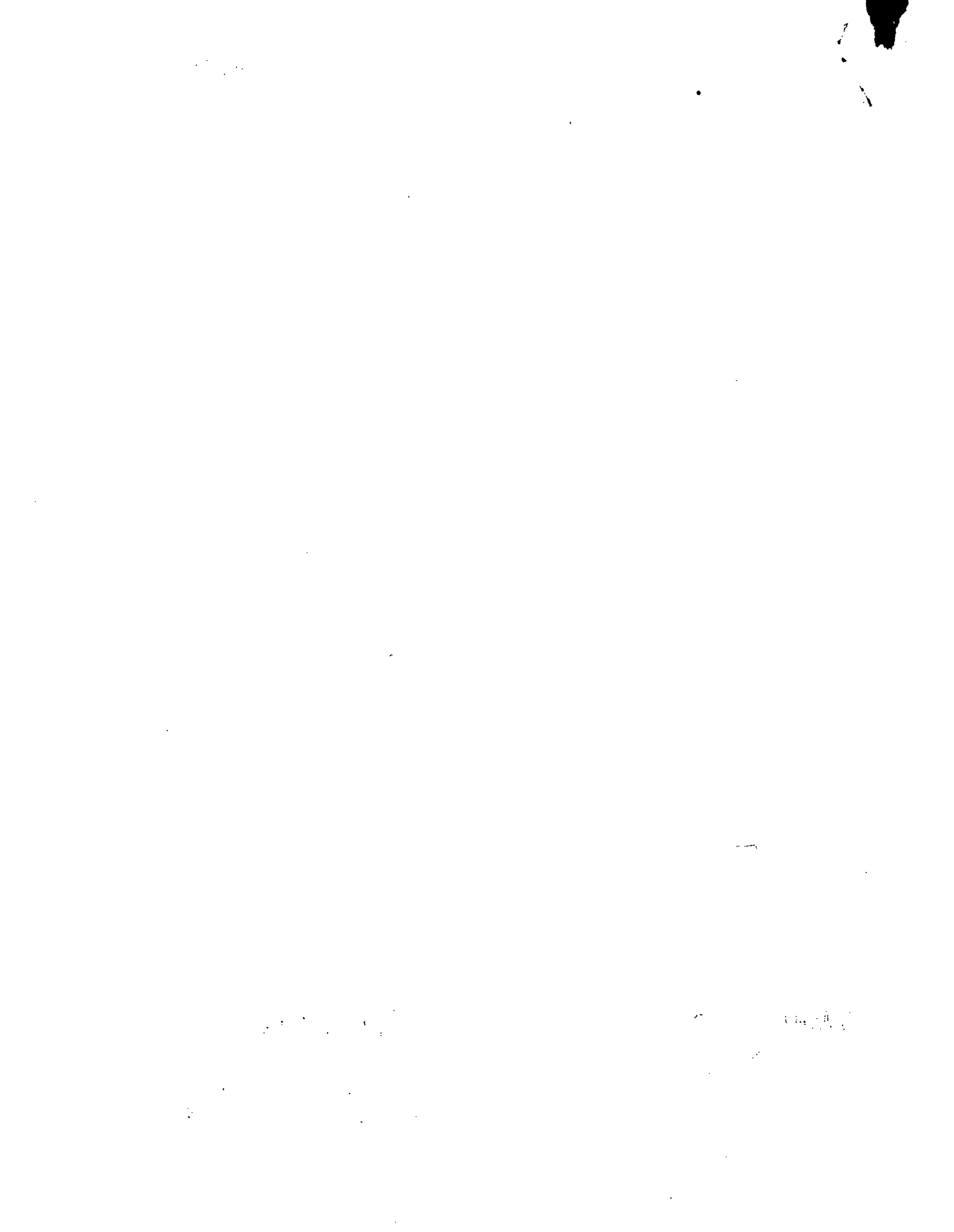
**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Chicago do hereby express our desire for the Chicago Board of Education to establish a moratorium on charter school expansion for the 2014-2015 school year allowing CPS, parents and community members time to fully understand the impact of pending school closures. Furthermore, the Chicago Board of Education should adopt a policy that prohibits any charter expansion while neighborhood schools are being closed.

  
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