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WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has initiated the Grow Our Own Program to encourage CPS Middle School and High School students to pursue teaching as a career; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Professional Teachers Partnership Consortium (IPLP) [illegible] Illinois State University, Illinois State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Loyola University Chicago and Roosevelt University has provided funds from a grant through the Department of Education to support scholarships for the Grow Our Own Program; and

WHEREAS, the CPS high school seniors who are committed to pursue teaching at an IPLP [illegible] school were judged by their grade point average, ACT scores, interview [illegible] and an essay entitled "Why I [illegible]