

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois

CHICAGO EDUCATION ALLIANCE GEAR-UP GRANT AWARD
TRUMAN COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the Chicago Education Alliance (CEA), a coalition of Chicago Colleges, Universities and the Chicago Public Schools, has been awarded a \$31 million five-year grant under the U.S. Department of Education's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP) initiative; and

that as part of the Alliance, Truman College has been allocated approximately \$180,000 to work with Loyola University to provide GEAR-UP activities and interventions to 6th and 7th grade students enrolled at Arai Middle School, and to students at Senn and Amundsen High School, beginning Fall 1999; and

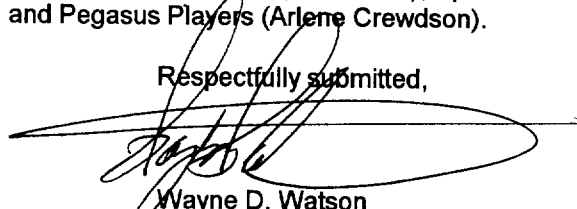
that Truman College will provide these programs and services to students at Arai Middle School due to the following considerations:

1. Arai Middle School is located only blocks away from the main campus of Truman College for easy accessibility;
2. Data indicate that more than 64% of Arai students are recipients of free or reduced lunch programs, and approximately 93% of students school-wide are identified as low-income;
3. Arai students come from traditionally underserved student populations - 55% are Black, 27% are Hispanic and 13% are Asian; and

that the purpose of the GEAR-UP program is to track 6th and 7th grade students at Arai through College and provide students, their parents and faculty the tools needed to ensure that the students are aware of post secondary educational options and are academically prepared to meet the challenges of College; and

that Truman College will provide GEAR-UP services to students in partnership with representatives from Chicago businesses and community-based organizations, including WITS-Working in the Schools (Mary Ellen Guest), Executive Service Corps. of Chicago (Nancy Fuhrman), Weiss Hospital (Pam Bixter), Spanish-Christian Church (Rev. Ruben Cruz), and Pegasus Players (Arlene Crewdson).

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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