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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PRESS CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that Harold Washington College was the site of a press conference held on Monday, February 3, 2003, with the Office of the Mayor to announce and publicize Mayor Richard M. Daley's new heating assistance program [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)] where the City will help low-income residents apply for home heating assistance at 25 free tax preparation sites across the city, and;

that The Center for Economic Progress in partnership with Harold Washington College Tax Counseling Program site avails clients who have their income taxes completed will also make sure that the clients are signed up for heating assistance that may be available to them during this time of year, and;

that last year some 280,000 Illinois families qualified for LIHEAP assistance averaging \$528 per family, which also is supported through the Federal program that provide \$200 million for LIHEAP of which \$7.5 million will come to Illinois through the Office of the Mayor and the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and;

that LIHEAP benefits are available to households whose total income for the previous 30 days was not above \$1,108 for a single person and rising in increments of \$385 per family member.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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