

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

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

**Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, the Little Village Community
Organization, Illinois State University and the Illinois State Board of Education
Partnership****THE CHANCELLOR**

REPORTS that on August 24, 2006, the Malcolm X College in conjunction the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, the Little Village Community Organization, Illinois State University and the Illinois State Board of Education completed a series of instructional activities to prepare students to begin taking college classes as a part of the Illinois State Board of Education's Grow Your Own program.

Grow Your Own is a partnership between the Illinois State Board of Education, a baccalaureate degree granting institution and community based organizations to identify, enroll and graduate individuals residing in identified communities to become elementary school teachers and work in the identified community. The Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization and the Little Village Community Organization identified 43 candidates, many having no previous college experience, to begin this program; and

that through Malcolm X College, the candidates were assisted in filing for financial aid, having their academic skills assessed and the students were enrolled in a six week series of instruction to assist them to become "Master Students." Many of the students will be returning to Malcolm X College during the fall semester to complete the requirements for admission into Illinois State University's School of Education with third year status.

This very successful program is one of an ongoing series of activities developed and implemented through Business and Industry Services to meet the needs of the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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