

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS****1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL PILSEN EDUCATION SUMMIT  
WEST SIDE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE****THE CHANCELLOR****REPORTS**

that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, West Side Technical Institute participated in the First Annual Pilsen Community Education Summit. Open to all Families, the Summit aimed at uniting the Pilsen community and increase high school and college graduation rates. The event connected hundreds of local families with a wide array of workshops for parents and students, including career placement services, tutoring, financial aid and scholarships, retention issues and family care. This event was attended by 500 hundred families from three different neighborhoods: Pilsen, Little Village and Back of the Yards.

that Dr. Sylvia Ramos, President of Richard J. Daley College, was the Motivational Speaker, opening the event.

that Maria Codina, Director of West Side Technical Institute, a Steering Committee member of the Pilsen Educational Task Force comprised of non-for-profit organizations, schools and university leaders, helped to coordinate the event and workshops acting as the Chair of the Higher Education Task Force.

that Daley/WSTI had a booth attended by College Advisor Connie Valdes and Veronica Gonzalez, OIT technician at WSTI. Over 107 parents requested information on Daley/WSTI programs via mail or campus visits, and that this event was an excellent opportunity for Daley College/WSTI to reach out to the communities which we serve and assert West Side Technical Institute as the hub for higher education in this area, informing the public about the many degrees and career programs available at both campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

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