Resolution Opposing Noble Academy High School’s Proposed Move From Downtown Chicago to 640 West Irving Park Road

WHEREAS, Noble Network of Charter Schools is proposing moving the Nobel Academy High School from downtown Chicago to 640 West Irving Park Road, approximately 5 ½ miles away;

WHEREAS, This Local School Council serves as the democratically elected representatives of the Amundsen High School community and parents;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School is the neighborhood public high school for certain residents of Northside of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School receives broad support from the community, parents and elected officials for its academic and other successes;

WHEREAS, Amundsen’s students achieve top tier results in the International Baccalaureate Program and thrive in the AVID and Career and Technical Education Information Technology programs;

WHEREAS, Amundsen students take advantage of the over forty clubs and twenty-five sports teams and have particularly excelled with competitive performances in Academic Decathlon, Chicago Debate League and City and State Science Fairs;

WHEREAS, Amundsen’s success with college readiness has resulted in students being accepted into Ivy League Universities, Big Ten Universities and colleges across the country;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School is not overcrowded and has capacity for more students;

WHEREAS, Chicago Public Schools is projecting a massive budget deficit for the upcoming school year, with additional uncertainty for future years;

WHEREAS, As a result of Chicago Public School’s Student Based Budgeting allocating funding to schools on a per-pupil basis, a decrease in the enrollment at Amundsen High School will have a direct negative impact on the educational opportunities of its students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Local School Council of Amundsen High School opposes the Nobel Academy High School moving to 640 West Irving Park Road; and be it further
RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be shared with local elected officials representing the community and the Chicago Board of Education.

Adopted this Fourteenth Day of May, 2015

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Merima Karastanović, Chair