

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 308**

### **Nottingham Community Access and Job Training (CAJT) High School**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Nottingham Community Access and Job Training (CAJT) High School achieved AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) status in 2010. Nottingham CAJT students maintained a 95% attendance rate throughout the school year and scored 100% proficient in mathematics on the MAP-A assessment for the third consecutive year. Students and staff at Nottingham CAJT High School demonstrate a strong focus towards functional academics and a dedication towards improving students' abilities to become successful and independent working citizens in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, created in 1996, the Community Access and Job Training Program is a Public Separate Day School assisting high school students with developmental disabilities in successfully transitioning from school to work and becoming independent, employed members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the curriculum is designed to provide functional academic transition training in the areas of daily living skills, communication arts, mathematics, and prevocational skills. In addition to the functional academic and pre-vocational courses offered, the program offers volunteer work experiences at numerous St. Louis City businesses such as Wells Fargo's Corporate Headquarters, Industrial Aid, Washington University, MERS/Goodwill, the Jefferson Expansion Memorial (St. Louis Arch) and the Old Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Access and Job Training program has averaged a 90% employment / program placement rate for its graduates over the last three years; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the school's graduates over the last 14 years have continued to be employed members of our community who live independently; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the school's student body and student council who are present here today, have been nurtured by the staff at Nottingham Community Access and Job Training High School and have worked to improve their school and their school's neighborhood, overcoming challenges that have assisted them in building their positive character and preparing them for challenges in their future.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the achievements of Nottingham Community Access and Job Training High School and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy for presentation, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 10th day of February, 2011 by:

**Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

Adopted this the 10th day of February, 2011 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen