

February 27, 2008

**APPROVE EXTENSION OF 2008 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE PENSION ENHANCEMENT
PROGRAM AUTHORIZED IN BOARD REPORT 07-1219-PO2**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:


That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("the Board") extend the 2008 deadline for applying for participation in the Pension Enhancement Program ("PEP"), which is authorized in the Board's Employee's Sick, Vacation and Personal Benefit Days Policy, Section 1.1(5) (Board Report 07-1219-PO2), from March 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008.

DESCRIPTION: In January 2008, representatives of the Public School Teachers Pension and Retirement Fund of the City of Chicago ("the Fund") and the Union requested that the Board extend the application deadline for participation in the PEP from March 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008 to ensure that the Board and the Fund would be able to provide accurate data to employees who apply to participate in the PEP. On or about January 24, 2008, the Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, AFT, AFL-CIO demanded that the Board bargain with it over the impact of proposed school closings, consolidations, phase-outs and reconstitutions. On February 25, 2008, Board representatives reached a tentative agreement with the Chicago Teachers Union, subject to Board approval, on these issues to extend the deadline to apply for participation in the PEP from March 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, the expenditures are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriations in the FY08, FY09, FY10, FY11 and FY12 Budgets.

Respectfully submitted,



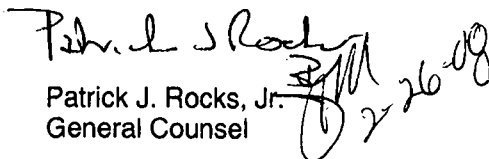
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