

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXCEPTION TO THE BOARD'S RESEARCH STUDY AND DATA POLICY FOR RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted a Research Study and Data Policy, Board Report 10-0728-PO1 (the "Research Policy") which identifies requirements for external researchers to conduct research in the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS");

**WHEREAS**, the Research Policy identifies standards for receiving approval to conduct research in the Chicago Public Schools including parental consent and confidentiality requirements and protocols for administering survey instruments;

**WHEREAS**, the Research Policy complies with federal and state laws regarding privacy of student records and the protection of pupils;

**WHEREAS**, various standards and requirements established by the Board in the Research Policy exceed legal mandates due to a need to effectively manage the high volume of research requests received annually by the Chicago Public Schools and to ensure high quality research with informed participants;

**WHEREAS**, the standards and requirements identified in the Research Policy have been established to balance the need for important, high quality research to advance public education with need to minimize the impact on class time and burdens on participating schools;

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Youth Survey is a statewide student survey on adolescent health and safety indicators. It is conducted with Illinois middle schools and high schools every two years. IYS is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services and coordinated statewide at no cost to schools by the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois;

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a national survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that monitors six types of health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults. It is conducted with middle schools and high schools every two years. CPS receives funding from the CDC to administer the survey at CPS;

**WHEREAS**, IYS and YRBS research data is used by CPS to target student support programs and CPS resources to address important adolescent health issues, identify barriers to learning, help foster healthier and safer learning environments, set and track progress toward meeting school health program goals, support modification of school health curricula or other programs, and seek funding and other support for new health-related initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, student participation in IYS and YRBS is voluntary. Students who do not wish to participate and/or whose parents opt them out of participation will be given a quiet task to complete. Students will not be penalized for not participating; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to recognize an exception to the Research Policy when statewide or national research is conducted by or on behalf of a governmental agency in order for Chicago Public Schools students to participate in such research on the same basis as other students in the state or nationwide.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

1. The requirements specified in the Research Policy shall apply to the IYS and YRBS except that the Chief Education Officer or designee is authorized to approve the survey instrument and related materials utilized for the IYS and YRBS studies to the extent that such materials comply with the Pupil Protection Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232h.
2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.