

APPROVE ISBE WAIVER FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD:**

Approve application for a waiver from the Illinois School Code requirements regarding school improvement.

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE: A public hearing on the waiver will be held on July 25, 2012, before the Board, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice setting forth the time, date, and place of the hearing was sent to collective bargaining agents and State legislators representing Chicago, as well as published in a Chicago newspaper.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WAIVER:


The school improvement waiver will allow the CEO or designee to schedule school improvement plan activities for teachers in full day sessions rather than half day sessions. Section 18-8.05(F)(2)(d)(2) of the Illinois School Code relates to the calculation of student attendance days and the requirements for accumulating extra student attendance hours during a specified period of time to schedule half day sessions. The waiver would replace a half day session with a full day session and may be counted as a day of student attendance up to four times a school year as long as the required five clock hours of student instruction time is provided to students throughout the school term. The waiver application shall request a five year waiver period, beginning the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year and end during the 2016-2017.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the waiver application described above and submit it to ISBE in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code.

Approved for Consideration:

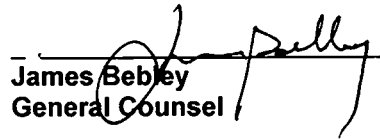

Jennifer Cleatham
Chief Instruction Officer

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Chief Executive Officer

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James Bebley
General Counsel