

April 27, 2016

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") approve an application for a five year waiver to modify the Illinois School Code to allow the date of the ACT exam or other similar national college entrance exam to count as a day of student attendance for general state aid purposes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE: A public hearing before the Board will be held on April 27, 2016, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice was provided via websites, cps.edu and cpsboe.org, publication in a Chicago newspaper, to Illinois state legislators who represent Chicago, and collective bargaining agents as required by Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code.

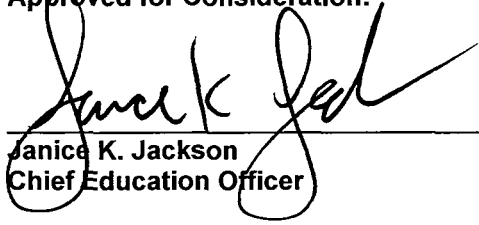
DESCRIPTION OF THE WAIVER:

Currently, Section 18-8.05(F)(2)(i) of the Illinois School Code allows a school district administering a college and career ready assessment to count a shortened school day as a day of student attendance if the district has banked sufficient number of minutes. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has decided that the ACT is not the state-required assessment determining college and career readiness.

This waiver would allow for the district to continue its past practice of administering the ACT test or other similar national college entrance exam to juniors in accordance with testing protocols on a shortened school day schedule. In addition, the district will schedule Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams on this day. The district has "banked" enough instructional minutes throughout the year so that the day of the test administration may be counted as a day of student attendance.


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:



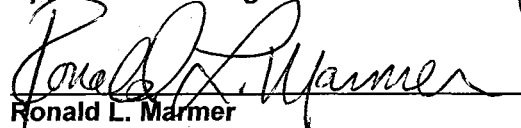
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