

December 7, 2016

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' STATUS
AS A WELCOMING DISTRICT FOR ALL STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Board of Education (Board) is committed to creating and maintaining safe and welcoming teaching and learning environments for all Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) students, faculty and staff;

WHEREAS, the CPS Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment prohibits unlawful discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity/expression, age, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, pregnancy, citizenship status or status as a member of any other protected class under federal, state or city law;

WHEREAS, CPS' students, faculty and staff originate from many countries besides the United States;

WHEREAS, CPS does not require students to disclose information about their citizenship or immigration status;

WHEREAS, CPS schools are open to all school-age children who reside in the City of Chicago regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, "immigration status" refers to the categories and classifications as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Department of Education;

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a Welcoming City Ordinance, memorialized in Chapter 2-173 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby officially endorses the City of Chicago Welcoming City Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby prohibits unlawful discrimination or harassment on the basis of immigration status with respect to participation in CPS programs, services or activities.