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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CONCERNING
THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE HAS PREPARED THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. PURSUANT TO SECTION 34-29 OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE, THE BOARD RETAINED THE INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING FIRM OF RSM US LLP, TO AUDIT THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD AS OF AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017. BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE, LLP, HAS COMPLETED THE AUDIT AND ISSUED AN UNMODIFIED REPORT ON THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. COPIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING. TODAY, THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT IS BEING PRESENTED TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD. THE REPORT WILL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE BOARD AND TRANSMITTED TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND THE CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY LAW.