

May 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL RATINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY STATUSES  
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, there is an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and infections are being reported internationally, including the United States and the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency ("PHE") for the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency under the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C 5121-5207) in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, on April 1, 2020, and again on April 30, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation (state of emergency) for the State of Illinois in response to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-05 ordering the closure of public and private pre-K-12 schools for educational purposes from March 17, 2020, through March 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Executive Order 2020-18 extended Executive Order 2020-05 in its entirety for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations. Further, on April 30, 2020, Executive Order 2020-33 reissued Executive Order 2020-05 with an extension through May 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, this is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation of public health concern and the top priority of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") is the health and safety of CPS students and staff and their families and community;

WHEREAS, the Board is following and will continue to follow the guidance of local, state, and federal health officials, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") and the Chicago Department of Public Health ("CDPH") to protect the health of the community, respond to the outbreak and minimize transmission;

WHEREAS, in-person instruction has been suspended since March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the District and State have canceled multiple end-of-year assessments (i.e., NWEA, PSAT/SAT and STAR) that are required for the calculation of school quality metrics, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the disruption to learning for the 2019-2020 school year has been so substantial as to render the process of using student outcome data to rate school performance untenable;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby directs as follows:

1. All schools normally eligible for school ratings under Board Report 19-0626-PO2 will be denoted as "Inability to Rate" for the 2020-2021 school year (ratings based on data from the 2019-2020 school year).
2. Each school that received Good Standing status, Remediation status (which indicates the need for Provisional Support) or Probation status (which indicates the need for Intensive Support) per Section 5/34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code during the 2019-2020 school year shall maintain that same status for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. The Chief Executive Officer may still publish such student outcome data for the 2019-2020 school year as are deemed viable and valid, but these will not be used to issue school ratings or alter accountability statuses from the prior year, as noted above.
4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.