

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 20-0325-RS1**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AND ACTIONS 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 9, 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, 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**, 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**, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the City of Chicago and CPS families and students to be able to respond quickly to obtain necessary products, supplies, services and staff to follow the guidance of the CDC, IDPH, and CDPH and take preventive action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to empower the leadership of CPS to act quickly and effectively to obtain the necessary products, supplies, services, and staff, expend funds and take all necessary measures and actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board hereby directs as follows:

1. The leadership of CPS shall collaborate with the IDPH and CDPH to review, update and implement emergency operations plans and plans for re-opening schools in accordance with City of Chicago and CDPH guidance ("reopening plans"), including those for performing environmental cleaning, creating communications plans for the CPS community and providing critical support services, such as continuity of education (for example, web-based instruction and email) and student services (such as, meal and social services).
2. The emergency operations plans and reopening plans shall include ensuring the availability of hygiene and environmental supplies and services, and such other products, supplies, services and staff to plan for and respond to the COVID-19 health emergency as deemed necessary or appropriate by the leadership of CPS.

3. The Board hereby authorizes and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, Chief Education Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Health Officer and Chief Procurement Officer to:
  - a. Develop and implement emergency operations plans in accordance with this Resolution;
  - b. Authorize and execute contracts to obtain all products, supplies, services and staff necessary or appropriate to plan for and respond to the COVID-19 health emergency, which contracts shall be approved as to legal form by the General Counsel;
  - c. Authorize and execute amendments and/or extensions to existing contracts to procure all products, supplies, services, and staff necessary or appropriate to plan for and respond to the COVID-19 health emergency, which amendments and/or extensions shall be approved as to legal form by the General Counsel;
  - d. Issue and approve purchase orders exceeding \$75,000 in amounts determined by the Chief Procurement Officer, to secure all products, services, supplies, and staff necessary or appropriate to plan for and respond to the COVID-19 health emergency, subject to approval by the Chief Operating Officer;
  - e. Authorize short-term extensions or renewals on any expiring contract;
  - f. Approve and execute expenditures that do not exceed an aggregate cost of \$75,000,000;
  - g. Take all actions necessary to implement the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications and the Board of Education authorized in Board Report 06-0726-OP1 and renewed annually.
4. The Chief Executive Officer shall file a report with the Board beginning July 15th and monthly thereafter that will enumerate the expenditures to date and, all actions taken pursuant to this Resolution, including all contracts, amendments, purchase orders, policy or rule waivers/suspensions/modifications authorized pursuant to the authority delegated herein.
5. The Board ratifies, adopts and assumes all lawful acts taken by the above-referenced officers in response to the COVID-19 health emergency between March 5, 2020, and the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall be effective from March 5, 2020, to and including ~~June 30, 2020~~ September 30, 2020, or until otherwise amended, modified or rescinded by the Board.