

May 26, 2021

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTION IN RESPONSE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, there is still an ongoing 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 and;

WHEREAS, the Board resolved on May 27, 2020 (Board Report 20-0527-RS2) that all students in grades K-8, during the 2019-2020 school year, normally retained under the Elementary School Promotion Policy, Board Report 09-1028-PO2 will be promoted to the next grade and;

WHEREAS, in-person instruction was suspended for the 2019-2020 school year on March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the District started the 2020-2021 school year with remote learning and began transitioning to hybrid instruction on January 11, 2021 for students in pre-kindergarten and cluster programs; on March 1, 2021 for students in kindergarten through fifth grade; and March 8, 2021 for students in sixth through eighth grade and;

WHEREAS, many elementary school students have not yet elected to transition to hybrid instruction or returned to in person learning and;

WHEREAS, the District and State canceled student assessments, including NWEA, which is administered to students in grades 2 through 8 and is used to help inform summer school and promotion decisions for 3rd, 6th, and 8th graders; and;

WHEREAS, the Board believes the disruption to learning for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years has been so substantial as to render the process of using student academic performance data to retain elementary school students untenable;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby directs as follows:

1. All students in grades 1-8, during the 2020-2021 school year, normally eligible for retention under the Elementary School Promotion Policy, Board Report 09-1028-PO2 will be promoted to the next grade.
2. Students who are identified as needing further academic support will be prioritized for possible interventions including summer school, personal learning plans, or others as developed.
3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.