

July 28, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AND ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER INITIATIVE FOR
FY22**

WHEREAS, since early 2020, the United States, Illinois and Chicago have faced a pandemic that has caused extraordinary sickness and loss of life, infecting over 285,000 Chicagoans, and taking the lives of more than 5,600 residents of the City;

WHEREAS, as Chicago residents continues to respond to the public health disaster caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that spreads rapidly through respiratory transmissions, the burden on residents throughout the State has been unprecedented;

WHEREAS, protecting the health and safety of CPS students and staff and their family and community is the top priority of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board");

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, President Biden approved an Executive Order Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers (Executive Order 14000);

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, the Illinois State Board of Education approved a resolution stating that "all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days";

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 Schools;

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance prioritizes the safe return to in-person learning for fall of 2021, promotes vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy, and recommends various prevention and mitigation strategies to keep schools safe, such as: wearing a mask, screening testing, ventilation, proper handwashing respiratory etiquette and cleaning and disinfection;

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) fully adopted the CDC guidance;

WHEREAS, the Board is following and will continue to follow the guidance of local, state, and federal health officials, including the CDC, the 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 to fully resume in-person learning safely; 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 fully resume in-person learning safely;

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 opening schools in accordance with City of Chicago and CDPH guidance, 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 and emotional services).
2. The emergency operations plans shall include the vaccination costs for students, moving forward together initiatives, 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 \$150,000,000;
 - 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 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 August 1, 2021, to and including June 30, 2022, or until otherwise amended, modified or rescinded by the Board.