

October 27, 2021

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF THOMAS SKORDALOS,
TENURED TEACHER ASSIGNED TO MINNIE MARS JAMIESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a dismissal hearing was conducted before an impartial Hearing Officer, Lisa Salkovitz Kohn, certified by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Thomas Skordalos, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law and recommended the reinstatement of Mr. Skordalos; and

WHEREAS, the parties were given the opportunity to submit exceptions and a memorandum of law in support of or in opposition to the Board's adoption of the Hearing Officer's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the CEO submitted exceptions and a memorandum of law in opposition to the Board's adoption of the Hearing Officer's recommendation, and Mr. Skordalos submitted his response; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago rejects in part and accepts in part the factual findings and conclusions of the Hearing Officer and concludes that the record establishes sufficient cause for dismissal of Mr. Skordalos.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as follows:

Section 1: After considering (a) the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, (b) the record of the dismissal hearing, and (c) any exceptions and memoranda of law submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago accepts in part and rejects in part the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and legal conclusions, and it makes additional findings and conclusions as detailed in an Opinion and Order adopted under separate cover, on the basis of which the Board concludes that sufficient basis is established to dismiss Mr. Skordalos.

Section 2: Thomas Skordalos is hereby dismissed from his employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, effective November 17, 2021.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on November 17, 2021.