

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AND ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR FY23**

**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 600,000 Chicagoans, and taking the lives of more than 7,700 residents of the City;

**WHEREAS**, as Chicago 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, staff, their families, and their communities 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**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides updated guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 Schools based on COVID-19 Community Levels;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC guidance recommends universal indoor masking by all\* students (ages 2 years and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status at a high COVID-19 Community Level. In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools layer multiple prevention strategies, such as screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe;

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has 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 continue in-person learning safely; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes the leadership of CPS to remain empowered to act quickly and effectively to obtain the necessary products, supplies, services, and staff, expend funds and take all necessary measures and actions to continue in-person learning safely;

**WHEREAS**, the Board passed a Resolution Authorizing Expenditures and Actions in Response to the COVID-19 for FY22 that expires on June 30, 2022;

**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 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 support for testing and vaccination costs for students, availability of hygiene and environmental supplies and services, medical supplies and protective equipment, 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, renewals 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, renewals 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. Approve and execute expenditures that do not exceed an aggregate cost of \$100,000,000;
  - f. 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 that will enumerate the expenditures to date and, all actions taken pursuant to this Resolution, including all contracts, amendments, renewals, extensions, purchase orders, policy or rule waivers/suspensions/modifications authorized pursuant to the authority delegated herein.
5. This Resolution shall be effective from July 1, 2022 to and including June 30, 2023, or until otherwise amended, modified or rescinded by the Board.