



Board of Education

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Board Report

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-43 of the Illinois School Code (the "Code"), the Chicago Board of Education (the "Board") is required to adopt an annual school budget for each fiscal year of the Board no later than 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year of the Board to which such budget relates; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2026, the Board will incur expenditures necessary for the operation of the school system at the beginning of said fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow the orderly and efficient operation of the system for the benefit of the school children, it is appropriate for the Board to authorize expenditures prior to the adoption of the fiscal year 2026 annual school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Debt Management Policy, Section 404.1 (Board Report 13-0724-PO1), authorizes the Board to use its operating funds to establish a reserve balance accounted for within the Debt Service funds to be used for any governmental purpose approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Debt Management Policy delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to authorize any transfer to or from Debt Service funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO THAT:

Section 1. Findings. It is found, declared and determined as follows.

- (a) Expenditures in fiscal year 2026 for educational and legal purposes, including school funding allocations based on a needs-based formula, which are necessary for the efficient operation of the Chicago Public School System prior to the adoption of the fiscal year 2026 annual school budget are authorized, subject to the limitations set forth in the Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/34-49] and the next succeeding paragraph.
- (b) Such expenditures for July and August 2025 (fiscal year 2026) will occur in accordance with the draft fiscal year 2026 capital and operating budget which is slated to be presented at the July or August Board Meeting and will be subject to appropriation in the fiscal year 2026 budget. Spending will not exceed fiscal year 2025 authority.

- (c) The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer and use Debt Service funds not otherwise restricted under bond documents for the purpose of operating and capital expenditures to support cash flow during the fiscal year. Transfers from the Debt Service funds for this purpose will be repaid from the next receipts of property tax revenues.

Section 2. Severability. To the extent that any prior resolution or policy of the Board (excluding Board Rules) is in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions of this Resolution shall be controlling. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Effectiveness. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption and will remain in effect through August 29, 2025 or until the fiscal year 2026 budget is adopted by the Board if that is prior to August 29, 2025.