

February 26, 2026

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
PAYMENT FOR LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT FOR
WILLIE THOMAS - CASE NO. 21 WC 05038**

THE ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize settlement of the Workers' Compensation claim of Willie Thomas, Case No. 21 WC 05038 subject to the approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, in the amount of **\$227,617.16**.

DESCRIPTION: In accordance with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, the Acting General Counsel has determined that this settlement is in the Board's best interests.

LSC REVIEW: Local school council approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Workers' Compensation Fund - General Fixed Charges
Account #12470-210-57605-119004-000000 FY 2026.....\$227,617.16

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26,1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted August 24, 2023 (23-0824-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

APPROVED,

Signed by:

ELIZABETH K. BARTON
Acting General Counsel

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