

October 22, 2026

APPROVE ISBE WAIVER APPLICATION**THE SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education (the "Board") approve the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) waiver application to allow Chicago Public Schools (CPS) more flexibility in planning the school calendar by scheduling full day school improvement days. Upon approval of this Board Report, the waiver application described below will be forwarded to the ISBE.

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE:

A Public Hearing on this waiver application was held on October 22, 2026 in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was posted on the CPS and Board websites on October 8, 2026, published in a Chicago newspaper on October 15, 2026 and provided to Illinois state legislators who represent Chicago and collective bargaining agents on October 15, 2026 as required by Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WAIVER APPLICATION:**School Improvement Waiver**

The school improvement waiver will allow the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer or designee to schedule school improvement plan activities for teachers in full day sessions rather than half day sessions. Section 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05 of the Illinois School Code relates to the calculation of student attendance days and the requirements for accumulating extra student attendance hours during a specified period of time to schedule half day sessions. The waiver will allow CPS flexibility to schedule full school improvement days up to four times a school year as long as a sufficient number of clock hours have been accumulated beyond the five clock hours of student instruction time per day.

WAIVER TERM: The waiver application requests a five-year period which covers the 2027-2028 school year through the 2031-2032 school year.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the waiver applications described above and submit it to ISBE in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code.

Approved for Consideration:

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