ADOPT NEW POLICY ON NCLB TITLE I COMPARABILITY OF SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

The Board adopt a Policy on Comparability of Services Between Title I and Non-Title I Schools.

PURPOSE:

In order to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act ("NCLB"), the Board must establish a policy that will ensure that the services provided to schools that receive NCLB Title I funds are comparable to the services provided to similar schools that do not receive NCLB Title I funds.

POLICY TEXT:

I. The Board shall provide educational and supplemental support services to Chicago Public Schools receiving NCLB Title I funds comparable to those educational and supplemental support services provided to schools not receiving NCLB Title I funds.

II. At the time of the adoption of this policy, not all Chicago Public Schools are receiving NCLB Title I funds. If at any time all Chicago Public Schools are receiving NCLB Title I funds, the Board shall ensure that services provided to each school shall be substantially comparable.

III. The Board will conduct an annual comparability assessment utilizing indicators specified by the Illinois State Board of Education which currently include either of the following: 1) expenditures, or 2) student-to-educational personnel ratio. This assessment will be conducted by examining local schools on either a grade-span basis or whole school basis.

IV. The Board shall, as required, provide written assurance to the Illinois State Board of Education that it has complied, and will continue to comply, with the equivalence requirements set out in Section 6321(c)(2)(A) of NCLB (20 U.S.C. § 6321(c)(2)(A)).

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