

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUSPENSION OF HEALTH EXAMINATION AND
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS
FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a policy on September 28, 2005 regarding Student Health Examinations, Immunizations and Dental Examinations (Board Report 05-0928-PO2) to comply with Section 27-8.1 of the Illinois School Code ("Health Examination Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board's Health Examination Policy requires kindergarten students, fifth graders and ninth graders, new enrollees irrespective of grade and preschool students to meet health examination and immunization requirements; and

WHEREAS, effective August 24, 2007, the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-8.1) was amended by P.A. 95-0422 to change the grade level for required student health examinations from 5th grade to 6th grade; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-8.1) requires students to present a school with proof of immunizations at or about the same time as he or she receives the required health examination; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2007, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) issued a notice stating that the enforcement of the new 6th grade health examination requirement will be deferred until the 2008-2009 school year as parents and guardians of 6th graders did not receive notification of this change in the law prior to the start of the 2007-2008 school year;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to implement P.A. 95-0422 within the parameters provided by the ISBE notice by removing the health examination requirement for 5th grade students and delaying the enforcement health examination requirement for 6th grade students for the 2007-2008 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, as follows:

1. The health examination and immunization requirements for 5th grade students identified in the Board's Health Examination Policy are hereby suspended for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. The health examination and immunization requirements for 6th graders identified in P.A. 95-0422 will not be enforced by Chicago Public Schools for the 2007-2008 school year.
3. The Chicago Public Schools will not exclude 5th or 6th grade students from school for the failure to submit proof a health examination or proof of the required immunizations by October 15, 2007.
4. Except as otherwise noted in this Resolution, the Board's Health Examination Policy will remain in effect, including but not limited to provisions related to pre-school and kindergarten students, 9th grade students, transfer students and new enrollees, waivers and dental examinations.