

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION OF ISBE RULE**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education (the "Board") approves the application for a modification of an Illinois State Board Education (ISBE) rule regarding the electronic No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School and District Improvement Plans.

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICES: A public hearing on the application for a modification will be held on February 25, 2009, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice was published at in a Chicago newspaper and provided to Illinois state legislators from the city of Chicago and collective bargaining agents as required by Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION: The request for a modification regarding the electronic NCLB School and District Improvement Plan is as follows:

Under Section 1116 of NCLB, each school identified for school improvement must submit a school improvement plan. Under the 23 Illinois Administrative Code Section 1.85(d), the ISBE requires that each revised school or district improvement plan must be submitted to the State Superintendent using an electronic format made available for this purpose. ISBE currently requires that schools and districts submit these plans through the ISBE e-plan system.

CPS schools currently prepare a 3 year school improvement plan for advancing academic achievement (SIPAAA) to satisfy the requirements set forth in Section 34-2.4 of the Illinois School Code. The SIPAAA is completed through the CPS electronic SIPAAA tool. In an effort to eliminate duplication of effort, CPS would like to use a revised electronic SIPAAA which will at least include all the components currently in the SIPAAA as well as those components required by NCLB and the ISBE's e-plan system.

A revised SIPAAA would continue to allow for strategic planning for the district, area, and school levels. The revised SIPAAA tool will create a streamlined process and consolidated tool for schools by functioning as a one stop shop for all required plans including School Improvement Plan, Supplemental General State Aid Plan, Title I Plan, Title I Parent Involvement Plan, Technology Plan, Attendance Plan, and Advanced Placement Plan. In addition, in the past three years, CPS has strategically invested significant financial resources in integrating the SIPAAA with the ORACLE financial system.

This modification would allow the district and its schools to use one electronic submission format to comply with its school improvement plan requirements.

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

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Within Appropriation:



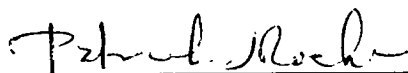
Pedro Martinez
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Respectfully Submitted:



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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: *MAN*



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