

June 25, 2014

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF ISBE WAIVER FOR SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL STATE AID

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the renewal of an application for a waiver from the Illinois School Code requirements regarding supplemental general state aid (SGSA).

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE: A public hearing on the waiver held on June 25, 2014, before the Board, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice was provided through websites cps.edu and cpsboe.org at least fourteen days prior. Notice setting forth the time, date, and place of the hearing was sent to collective bargaining agents and State legislators representing Chicago, as well as published in a Chicago newspaper.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SGSA WAIVER:

SGSA funds are allocated to schools each year based on the total number of students receiving free and reduced meals. Currently, the Section 203.20a of the 23 Illinois Administrative Code requires the school district to allocate SGSA funds based on the number of eligible students on December 1 of the year preceding the school year. CPS practice is to make an initial allocation of SGSA funds based on the number of eligible students on the 20th day of student attendance for the previous school year, and to make a final SGSA allocation based on the number of eligible students as of the 20th day of student attendance for the current school year. The district holds a waiver that allows CEO or designee to continue the practice of allocating SGSA funds based on the 20th day count of students receiving free and reduced meals, and the waiver expires at the end of this school year. In order to continue this practice, the district needs to renew this waiver.

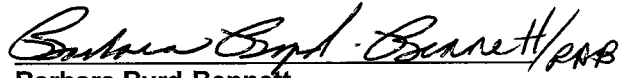
AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the renewal of the waiver application described above and submit it to ISBE in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code.

Approved for Consideration:



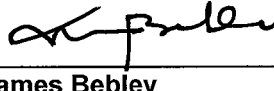
Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



James Bebley
General Counsel

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