

February 25, 2015

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE
EXCEPTIONS TO THE BOARD'S RESEARCH STUDY AND DATA POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a Research Study and Data Policy, Board Report 10-0728-PO1 (the "Research Policy") which identifies requirements for external researchers to conduct research in the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS");

WHEREAS, the Research Policy identifies standards and requirements for receiving approval to conduct research in the Chicago Public Schools including parental consent requirements and confidentiality requirements and protocols for administering survey instruments;

WHEREAS, the Research Policy complies with federal and state laws regarding privacy of student records and the protection of pupils;

WHEREAS, various standards and requirements established by the Board in the Research Policy exceed legal mandates due to a need to effectively manage the high volume of research requests received annually by the Chicago Public Schools and to ensure high quality research with informed participants;

WHEREAS, the standards and requirements identified in the Research Policy have been established to balance the need for important, high quality research to advance public education with need to minimize the impact on class time and burdens on participating schools;

WHEREAS, the Board previously authorized one narrowly-tailored, limited exception to the Research Policy in March 2012 for the Illinois Youth Survey and Youth Risk Behavior Survey which are surveys in furtherance of the District's student health goals and conducted on behalf of a governmental agency in compliance with state in federal laws (Board Resolution 12-0328-RS2);

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to reaffirm its commitment to the standards and requirements contained in the Research Policy while also recognizing that unique circumstances may arise in the future that necessitate a narrowly-tailored, limited exception to the Research Policy when it's deemed essential to further the District's goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to empower the Chief Executive Officer to address any such unique circumstance directly by authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to approve narrowly-tailored, limited exceptions to the Research Policy that comply with state and federal laws when s/he deems the exception essential to further the District's goals and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. The Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to approve narrowly-tailored, limited exceptions to the Research Policy that comply with state and federal laws when s/he deems the exception essential to further the District's goals and priorities.
2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.