

August 22, 2018

**APPROVE ISBE MODIFICATION APPLICATION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") approve an application to modify the Illinois School Code to allow the district an additional year of planning and implementation time for an Accelerated Placement Policy.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE:** A public hearing before the Board will be held on August 22, 2018, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice was provided via websites, cps.edu and cpsboe.org, publication in a Chicago newspaper, to Illinois state legislators who represent Chicago, and collective bargaining agents as required by Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code.

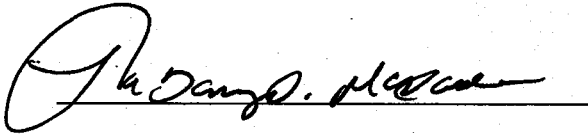
**DESCRIPTION OF THE MODIFICATION:**

The Governor signed the new Accelerated Placement Act (APA) on August 25, 2017 and the Illinois State Board of Education is still in the process of developing its administrative rules for the APA. The APA requires all Illinois school districts to establish a policy by July 1, 2018 to provide all students who demonstrate high ability and may benefit from accelerated placement to be considered for participation in accelerated placement. The policy must: (1) include a fair and equitable decision-making process that involves multiple persons and includes a student's parents or guardians; (2) procedures for notifying parents or guardians of a child of a decision affecting that child's participation in an accelerated placement program; and (3) an assessment that includes multiple valid, reliable indicators.

Chicago Public Schools is the largest district in the state with over 500 elementary and secondary schools. In order to ensure the APA is effectively implemented, the district is seeking an additional year to thoughtfully establish an Accelerated Placement Policy for the 2019-2020 school year.

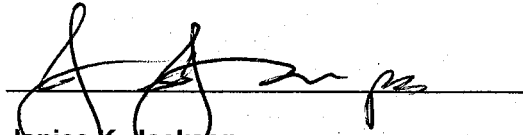
**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the modification application described above and submit it to ISBE in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code.

**Approved for Consideration:**



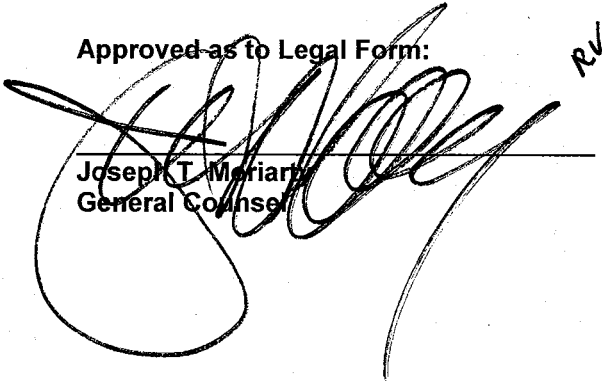
**LaTanya D. McDade**  
Chief Education Officer

**Respectfully Submitted:**



**Janice K. Jackson**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



**Joseph T. Moriarty**  
General Counsel