

October 23, 2025

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CODE WAIVER REGARDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education (the “Board”) approve an application to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for a waiver from Illinois School Code requirements regarding physical education in grades K-8. Upon approval of this Board Report, the waiver application described below will be forwarded to the ISBE.

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE:

A Public Hearing on this waiver application was held on October 23, 2025, in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code. Notice of the Public Hearing was posted on the CPS and Board websites on October 9, 2025, published in a Chicago newspaper on October 16, 2025 and provided to Illinois state legislators who represent Chicago and collective bargaining agents on October 16, 2025 as required by Section 2-3.25g of the Illinois School Code.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WAIVER APPLICATION:

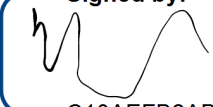
CPS is requesting a waiver of 105 ILCS 5/27-6 for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. This waiver would permit CPS to allow students in kindergarten through 8th grade to engage in a course of physical education for a minimum of 2 days per 5-day week instead of 3 days per 5-day week.

The application enumerates the reasons for seeking the waiver, namely this would be more effective and efficient due to facility limitations.

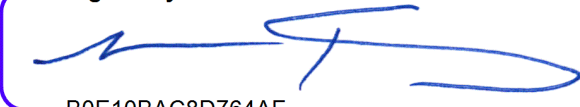
WAIVER TERM: The waiver application requests a five-year period which covers the 2026-2027 school year through the 2030-2031 school year.

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

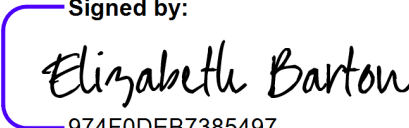
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