

May 28, 2026

MOTION TO AMEND 26-0528-RS1 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESSIVE REVENUE SOLUTIONS TO FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ESSENTIAL PUBLIC PROGRAMS

MOTION Failed of Adoption that the Board Amend 26-0528-RS1 Resolution in Support of Progressive Revenue Solutions to Fund Public Education and Essential Public Programs by adding the following Whereas clauses after the 7th Whereas clause:

- WHEREAS, in prior fiscal years, surplus TIF declarations by the City of Chicago contributed meaningful temporary support to Chicago Public Schools during periods of fiscal strain, demonstrating how intergovernmental coordination can assist students and families during times of economic uncertainty without altering the independent governance responsibilities of either entity; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that sustainable public education requires long-term fiscal responsibility, transparent governance, and collaborative engagement among independent governmental agencies whose decisions collectively shape the opportunities available to Chicago's children; and
- WHEREAS, the Board believes that in moments of significant fiscal challenge, all levels of government share a mutual responsibility to protect the educational opportunities, wellbeing, and future of Chicago's children; and
- And adding the following Be It Further Resolved clauses after the third Be It Further Resolved clause
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon the City of Chicago, the Mayor's Office, and the Chicago City Council to continue pursuing collaborative strategies that support children, families, and school communities through responsible municipal investments in youth opportunity, public safety, mental health infrastructure, after-school and workforce programming, housing and neighborhood stability, and, where fiscally appropriate, intergovernmental revenue partnerships that strengthen educational outcomes across Chicago; and
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms that periods of fiscal challenge require not only equitable revenue solutions, but disciplined stewardship, transparent budgeting practices, and strategic collaboration among all public institutions entrusted with serving children and working families; and
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CEO of Chicago Public Schools and the Board's legislative affairs staff are directed to transmit this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the Illinois House, the President of the Illinois Senate, members of the Illinois General Assembly representing Chicago, the Mayor of Chicago, and the Chicago City Council, and to advocate for intergovernmental cooperation that strengthens educational opportunity for Chicago students; and
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the Board's associated legislative priorities shall be reviewed annually in collaboration with the Board President and the Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent to ensure continued alignment with the Board's legislative agenda, evolving fiscal conditions, and the educational needs of Chicago Public Schools students and families.