

August 13, 2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT 299 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION OF PUBLIC
POLICY TO THE VOTERS OF CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, District 299, Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), is authorized by Section 9-1.5 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/9-1.5) to authorize an advisory question of public policy to be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the District by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to gauge public opinion and receive formal feedback from the residents of the City of Chicago regarding the establishment of financial penalties for owners of vacant lots that have not been developed for a productive use, with the revenues supporting Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is in the best educational and financial interests of the District and its residents to submit such an advisory question to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the result of this advisory question of public policy shall be non-binding on the Board of Education and is solely intended to provide guidance to the Board in its future deliberations and decision-making processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, District 299, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete, and incorporates them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization of Advisory Question. The Board hereby authorizes and directs that an advisory question of public policy be submitted to the voters of the District at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Section 3. Form of Ballot. The advisory question of public policy shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

ADVISORY QUESTION REGARDING CHICAGO LAND OWNERS

Should the City of Chicago require owners of long-term vacant or undeveloped commercial or investment properties to pay an additional annual charge that would support Chicago Public Schools?

[] YES [] NO

Section 4. Certification to Election Authority. The Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois and/or the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, not less than 68 days prior to the date of the election, in accordance with Section 28-2 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-2).

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.