

WITHDRAWN

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**AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-1128-PO2
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education ~~adopt a~~ amend the policy on integrated pest management.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote the principles of Integrated Pest Management

"IPM" throughout the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") IPM is a method of pest control that emphasizes

correcting the root causes of pest problems and the use of non-toxic and least-hazardous methods to

address existing pest problems. Pests, as used herein, refer to any unwanted insects, birds, rodents and other animals. Conventional pest control relies primarily on pesticides to control pests. Pesticides are by nature poisons and can affect the health of children and staff. Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides because of their smaller size, undeveloped systems, and their natural tendency to explore

chemical controls. Least hazardous chemical controls shall be given preference over other chemical