

July 22, 2020

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION POLICY
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, there is an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and infections are being reported internationally, including the United States and the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency ("PHE") for the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency under the

Civilian Control Act (42 U.S.C. 5104-5107) in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby directs as follows:

1. For schools that did not offer their 4th-grade students a unit of cursive writing instruction before school closures:
 - a. schools will be required to satisfy the requirement in the 2020-21 school year when current 4th graders are in 5th grade, which will meet the requirements of Public Act 100-0548 that requires that a unit of cursive writing instruction be offered to elementary students prior to completion of grade 5.
2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.