

December 14, 2023

**AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION POLICY STARTING DECEMBER 15, 2023**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period from December 15, 2023 to January 15, 2024 for the Policy described in the disposition table below. Pursuant to Board Rule 2-6(c), the Board must authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period.

<b>Current Policy Section/ Current Policy Title</b>	<b>New Policy Section/ New Policy Title</b>	<b>Description of Revision/Disposition</b>
604.9 Cursive Writing Instruction	N/A	Amend Policy 604.9  This policy is being reviewed and revised as part of Board Rule 2-6's required biennial review.

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Ruchi Verma  
General Counsel

Approved:



Pedro Martinez  
Chief Executive Officer



4. Please provide any additional notes/considerations in the box below.

Additional stakeholder engagement with principals, teachers, parents, and students is ongoing through November 17.

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 18-0725-PO2  
POLICY ON CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board amend the Policy on Cursive Writing Instruction.

**PURPOSE:** This policy will ensure compliance with Public Act 100-0548 which requires, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year: (1) that a unit of cursive writing instruction be offered to elementary students prior to completion of grade 5; and (2) that the Board establish, by policy, the grade level(s) in which CPS elementary students shall be offered cursive writing instruction.

**TEXT:**

~~For the 2018-2019 School Year, CPS elementary schools shall offer at least one unit of instruction in cursive writing to students in grade 4 and grade 5. Thereafter, CPS elementary schools shall offer at least one unit of instruction in cursive writing to students in~~ by the end of grade 4.

The cursive writing instruction shall promote a student's fluency in both reading and writing cursive.

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