



Board of Education

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Board Report

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION
ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE LEADER OF CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLD A LICENSED
SUPERINTENDENT CREDENTIAL

WHEREAS, The Chicago Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to ensuring that the leadership of Chicago Public Schools (“CPS”) upholds the highest standards of educational excellence, equity, and accountability;

WHEREAS, 105 ILCS 5/34-6, designates the leader of CPS as a role that is exempt from 105 ILCS 5/21B-15;

WHEREAS, 105 ILCS 5/21B-15 outlines the qualifications of educators;

WHEREAS, All School Districts in Illinois with the exception of CPS require their district leaders to hold the appropriate educator license, reinforcing rigorous professional qualifications, possession of a deep understanding of instructional leadership, and reinforcing professional standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Board of Education hereby resolves the following:

1. In all of its policies, the title of “Chief Executive Officer” shall mean the same thing as “Superintendent of Schools”;
2. Its next CEO/Superintendent or interim CEO/Superintendent shall hold a valid Illinois Professional Educator License, with a Superintendent endorsement as issued by the Illinois State Board of Education or an equivalent credential from another state;
3. It will advocate to the Illinois General Assembly that the school code be amended to bring Chicago Public Schools in alignment with the licensure requirement followed by every other District in Illinois; and
4. The CPS administration will take all necessary steps to implement this resolution, including amending any job descriptions.