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January 28, 2004

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-1128-PO3**  
**COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

**DESCRIPTION:**

follows and Repeal the "Mandatory Student Attendance Improvement Policy" 06 0025 PO1 as follows:

**II. ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT**

**A. SCHOOL-BASED INITIATIVES**

All schools whose overall attendance rate is below 95% shall develop an "Attendance Improvement Plan" ("Plan") to be implemented during the next school year. The Plan shall be included in, and made a part of, the school's School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement for the next school year. The goals of the Plan shall be to:

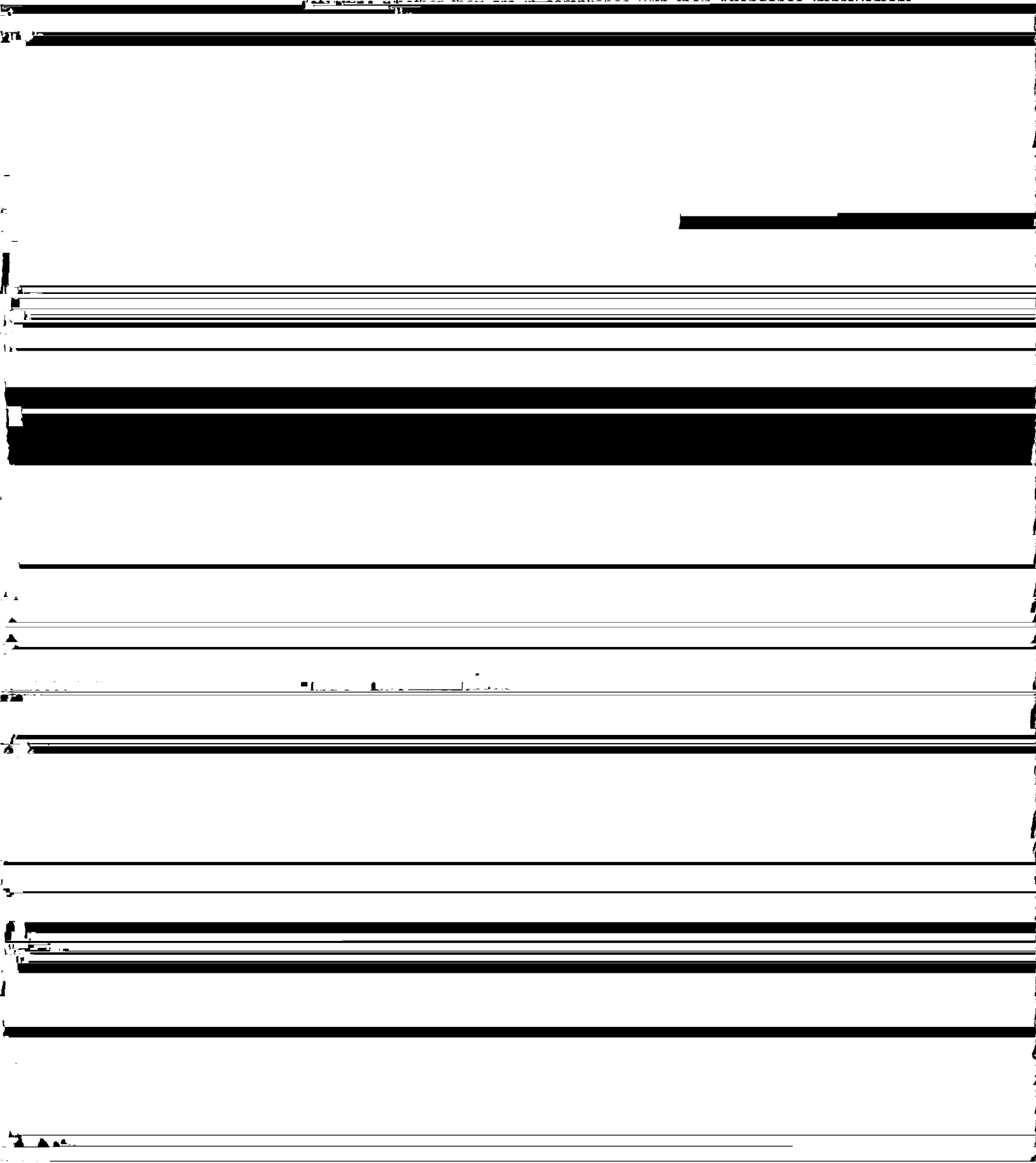
(i) reduce the number of student absences;

(ii) increase student academic achievement;

(iv) increase parental and community involvement in these objectives; and

(v) increase the use of alternatives to out-of-school suspensions, such as before- or after

5. **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AUDITS:** Schools shall be subject to annual audits to determine whether they are in compliance with their Attendance Improvement



**V. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION**

To assist the efforts of the Chicago Public Schools to improve school attendance rates and reduce truancy and chronic truancy rates, the Board and its schools may, as appropriate, request the

including provisions in its leases requiring regular school attendance by school-age students); the Illinois Department of Public Aid (by redirecting to social service agencies, or withholding a portion of, the assistance it provides to parents of truant students as allowed by statute); the Office of the State's

1. Students may not be removed from enrollment solely because of excessive unexcused absences i.e. truancy (for example 20 consecutive unexcused

Cross References:

Improvement Policy."

81-114-7; 81-201-2; 83-216-26; 83-216-27; 84-0411-ED7; 84-0718-RS3;  
85-0925-ED5; 88-0309-ED7; 88-1026-ED13; 89-0222-PO1; 90-0716-RS3;  
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