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AMEND BOARD REPORT 02-0227-PO2

ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON HOME-SCHOOLING

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board amend Board Report 02-0227-PO2 "Policy on Home-Schooling".

That Board Report 96-0828-P05, establishing a Policy on Home Schooling, be amended. The reasons for the amendments are: (1) to clarify the purposes of the policy; and (2) to clarify existing provisions of the policy and add new provisions to the policy which are related to those purposes. The purposes of the policy are to: (1) determine and monitor the presence of home-schooled students residing within District 299; (2) determine and monitor the compliance of the parents/legal guardians of such students with Illinois' Compulsory School Attendance Law; and (3) provide for educational assistance to the parents/legal guardians of home-schooled

With respect to the second purpose, the amendments provide: (1) the legal requirements which parents/legal guardians of home-schooled students must satisfy to establish compliance with the Compulsory School Attendance Law; and (2) the means and educational standards which the CPS will employ in assessing such compliance. With respect to the third purpose, the amendments provide that, upon request, the CPS will

Management for elementary grade students and by the Office of High School Programs for high school grade

students. Upon request, the parents/legal guardians may receive appropriate grade-level curriculum and testing materials and textbooks from the local school. The parents/legal guardians will be required to pay all school fees related to the instructional curriculum materials and textbooks received from the local school

unless they qualify for and obtain a waiver of the fees pursuant to the Policy Regarding Waiver of School Fees, 94-1026-PO2, as amended. Annually, parents/legal guardians should complete the "Statement of Assurance for Parent-Taught Home Instruction" form, which is available from the Office of Schools and

Regions Instruction and School Management and the Office of High School Programs, and attach a statement indicating the manner in which the child will be instructed at home. These documents are to be forwarded to the Office of Schools and Regions Instruction and School Management for elementary grade students or the Office of High School Programs for high school grade student.

III. ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH COMMENSURATE EDUCATION STANDARDS

Once notified of the presence of a particular home school or of particular home-schooled students within the boundaries of District 299, appropriate offices within the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") will, with the cooperation of the parents/legal guardians, determine whether the home school provides an education at least

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