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AND ADOPT A NEW AQUATIC ACTIVITY SAFETY POLICY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board rescind 04-0324-PO2 and adopt a new Aquatic Activity Safety Policy.

PURPOSE: This policy is revised to strengthen aquatic safety standards by specifying that aquatic

teachers and coaches must become lifeguard certified and also by strengthening the required lifeguard to swimmer ratio. The safety standards established in this policy shall protect the wellbeing of students, staff, visitors, licensees and community members using Chicago Public Schools (CPS) owned or rented aquatic

Physical Education teachers and PEAs shall review each participating student's IEP/504 plan to

determine: (i) applicable accommodations needed for the student to participate in aquatic activities (e.g.,

safety vest, in-pool assistance, etc.), and (ii) any health conditions that may impact their participation in

C. Pool Use for CPS Interscholastic and Intramural Sports: School swim teams, diving teams, water polo teams and other sports teams authorized by the principal using CPS pools for training, conditioning

competition or practice are subject to the following lifeguard and supervision requirements:

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C. Hotel Pools and Water Parks: Use of hotel pools and water parks is prohibited.

D. Student Aquatic Sport Competitions: When a school uses a third-party pool for an aquatic sports competition event, the lifeguard to swimmer ratio shall be subject to the requirements of the host

E. Accommodations: When the use of a third-party pool or aquatic facility is authorized, the principal or designee shall review each participating students' IEP/504 plan to determine (i) applicable accommodations that will be needed for the student to participate in aquatic activities, and (ii) any health conditions that may impact their participation in aquatic activities. If a student requires paraprofessional assistance to participate

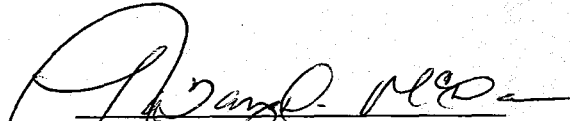
participate in a school-sponsored student activity involving swimming per the IEP/504 plan.

F. Student Travel Approval: Requests for use of a third-party pool are subject to prior approval in


The principal or designee shall ensure that all required aquatic certification documentation is submitted as


part of the trip approval process in accordance with the Student Travel Policy and Guidelines. The principal shall maintain copies of certification documents provided by third parties who use the school pool that reflect

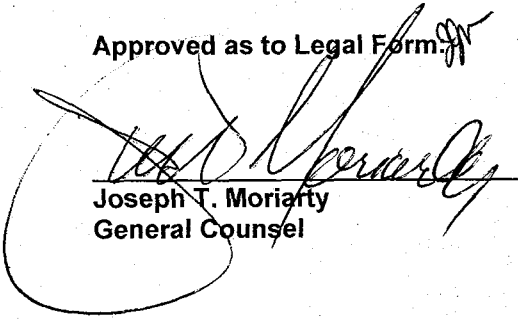
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