

August 26, 2020

**RESOLUTION REGARDING WAIVING THE ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS
REQUIREMENT IN THE ACCELERATED PLACEMENT POLICY IN RESPONSE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, there is an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel Coronavirus Disease
2019 (COVID-19) and infections are being reported internationally, including the United States and the

City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II,
declared a public health emergency ("PHE") for the United States;

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE") requires in the Accelerated Placement Act (SB1223), an unfunded mandate, that all districts have an Accelerated Placement policy that must use an assessment process that includes multiple, reliable indicators;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that with the Accelerated Placement Policy already requiring two reliable indicators unaffected by the transition to remote learning (AMPA scores and CPA) ~~is~~

considered for Single-Subject and Whole-Grade Acceleration, the attainment and administration of an additional valid and reliable assessment to replace the AP prerequisite would be costly and time