

September 28, 2022

RESCIND BOARD REPORT 15-1028-PO1 AND ADOPT  
A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education (the Board) rescind Board Report 15-1028-PO1, and adopt a new Charter School Academic Accountability Policy. The policy was posted for public comment from August 15, 2022 to September 15, 2022.

**PURPOSE:** This policy is intended to establish a system of transparent academic accountability performance standards for district-authorized charter schools, while the district redesigns a long-term accountability system in line with the values and priorities enumerated by Board resolution on April 27, 2022 (Board Report 22-0427-RS1). Along with the district's redesign of accountability for district-run schools, this policy will fill a gap in accountability as the district works to redesign an accountability system specifically for district-authorized charter schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

The former Charter School Quality Policy (15-1028-PO1) relied expressly on the now-rescinded School Quality Rating Policy, and is therefore defunct. The policy presented here rescinds the Charter School Quality Policy and establishes a system of academic accountability performance standards for charter schools that relies on the Illinois State Board of Education's summative designations—in alignment with the policy adopted on July 27, 2022 doing the same for district-run schools (Board Report 22-0727-RS1).

POLICY TEXT:

I. **SCOPE OF POLICY:** This policy sets out broad charter school academic performance standards to ensure that (1) there is transparency regarding the expectations and standards for charter school academic performance; and (2) the portfolio of charter schools available to Chicago families and students contains academically high-quality schools.

(A) All schools designated “Exemplary” or “Commendable” by ISBE will be deemed to have met or be making reasonable progress toward student academic achievement standards in accordance with Section 27A-9(c)(2) of the Illinois School Code.

(B) All schools designated “Targeted” or “Comprehensive” by ISBE are subject to contract revocation or non-renewal for failure to meet or make reasonable progress toward student academic achievement in accordance with Section 27A-9(c)(2) of the Illinois School Code and will be placed on the Intensive Academic Support List.

IV. STANDARDS FOR RENEWAL AND NON -RENEWAL: School renewal recommendations will be based on the academic, financial, and operational performance during the entirety of a school's contract term, or the last three years, whichever is longer. The district will also use an equity lens as set forth in the CPS Equity Framework and consider community impact when making renewal recommendations.

If a charter school seeks to renew its contract, the CEO will make recommendations concerning the school's ability to meet or make reasonable progress toward student academic achievement standards to the Board. A charter school campus will be considered to be meeting or making reasonable progress toward achievement of the content standards or pupil performance standards if the school receives an ISBE Summative Designation of Exemplary or Commendable.

Charter school operators who operate two or more charter schools or campuses will have each school or campus evaluated individually for renewal or non-renewal.

V. STANDARDS AND PROCESS FOR REVOCATION: When a charter school or campus is placed on the

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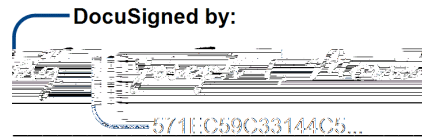
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