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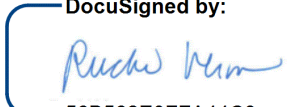
**AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR BOARD RULE 6-21:
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND ABUSIVE CONDUCT PROHIBITED**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period from May 24, 2024 to June 24, 2024 for the Policy described in the disposition table below. Pursuant to Board Rule 2-6(c), the Board must authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period.

Current Policy Section/ Current Policy Title	New Policy Section/ New Policy Title	Description of Revision/Disposition
Board Rule 6-21: Corporal Punishment Prohibited	Corporal Punishment and Abusive Conduct Prohibited	<p>Amend Board Rule 6-21: Corporal Punishment Prohibited</p> <p>Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/24-24, teachers, other certificated employees, or any other person, whether or not certificated, shall not intentionally inflict bodily harm. By including vendors and volunteers, this revision unambiguously clarifies that behavior that causes bodily harm by any employee, vendor, or volunteer is prohibited. This revision also aligns District policies with Illinois law governing child discipline in other public administrative settings, like the Foster Children’s Bill of Rights (20 ILCS 521/5(2)), which prohibits corporal punishment, physical abuse and verbal abuse, and DCFS licensed facilities, where verbal abuse is disallowed. Currently, Board Rule Sec. 6-21, Corporal Punishment Prohibited, fails to address vendor and volunteers expectations regarding corporal punishment, physical abuse, and verbal abuse; the revision addresses these topics for all adults working with CPS students.</p>

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**AMEND BOARD RULE 6-21: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
AND ABUSIVE CONDUCT PROHIBITED**

No employee, ~~vendor or volunteer~~ of the Board of Education may inflict ~~physical abuse~~, corporal punishment or ~~verbal abuse~~ of any kind upon ~~persons~~ students attending the public schools of the City of Chicago. For the purposes of this Board Rule, “physical abuse,” “corporal punishment,” and “verbal abuse” shall have the meanings defined in the [Office of Student Protection & Title IX Procedure Manual](#).