

**RESOLUTION PLACING A MORATORIUM ON CLOSURES, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND PHASE-OUTS
FOR DISTRICT-MANAGED SCHOOLS THROUGH SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-18.69, the Board shall not approve any school closings, consolidations, or phase-outs until the Board of Education is seated on January 15, 2025.

WHEREAS, 105 ILCS 5/34-18.69 only applies to district-managed schools and not to schools established by contract or charter;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Chicago Public Schools prepares and publishes Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines) pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-230;

WHEREAS, the CEO proposes all school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic year consistent with the Guidelines by December 1 of each year;

WHEREAS, CEO Pedro Martinez has consistently and publicly stated that he will not propose district-managed school closures, consolidations or phase-outs during his tenure as CEO;

WHEREAS, the CEO has further publicly acknowledged that any school actions proposed, i.e. co-locations, will only be considered if the school(s) principal, parents, or community members have requested that a co-location proposal be considered via the process to request proposals outlined in the Guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has also been consistent that district-managed school closures, consolidations, or phase-outs will not be considered during the CEO's tenure;

WHEREAS, in January 2027, the Board of Education will be comprised of twenty-one Board members elected by the citizens of the City of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education of the City of Chicago hereby adopts the CEO's recommendation to place a moratorium on closures, consolidations, and phase-outs for district-managed schools through school year 2026-2027.