



Board of Education

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May 15, 2024 Agenda Review Committee Follow-Ups

Agenda Review Committee (ARC) follow-ups are shared publicly so that members of the public can view responses to issues that directly impact the CPS community in advance of the Board’s consideration at regular Board meetings. Follow-ups are unanswered questions asked by Board Members during a public meeting. See the May 2024 ARC follow-ups and responses below.

Item Description	Follow-Up Question	District Response	Responding Department
Agenda Item 1 - Professional Learning Service Providers	As you review the supplemental RFQ, please follow up with numbers that will be added to the vendor pool.	CPS is adding a total of 21 vendors to the pool with the 5th supplemental Request for Proposals. Of those 21, 9 are not for profit, and 3 are Women- or Minority-Owned Business Enterprises.	Professional Learning - Office of Teaching & Learning
Agenda Item 2 - Lakeshore Parent LLC dba Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC and School Specialty, LLC	Please share rebate information related to cost savings.	The current agreements with Lakeshore Learning and School Specialty offer the district a 5 percent discount below list price. Rebates were not included in this piggyback, but can be addressed when all renewals are completed on this agreement and the district pursues the next piggyback opportunity with Omnia, a procurement optimization partner. In lieu of the rebates, the team negotiated a lower cost that will be offered directly to schools.	Digital Learn & Libraries - Office of Teaching & Learning
Agenda Item 3 - Library Video Company DBA Safari Montage	How do resources get distributed to families of students with disabilities?	The Ed Tech bundle is presented to families by case managers as an option during compensatory education meetings. It is offered to families of students who require additional tools and services to address interruptions to IEP supports and services.	Curriculum, Instruction, and Digital Learning - Office of Teaching & Learning

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Agenda Item 6 - Illinois Action for Children	Does the hotline have access to information that will support parents whose students are on the waitlist?	Yes, parents can receive information about programs with space through the hotline, and can get assistance with considering options with immediate availability. Families also have access to their waitlist numbers and can monitor them directly in the Chicago Early Learning application for Pre-K students.	Access and Enrollment - Office of Innovation & Incubation
Agenda Item 6 - Illinois Action for Children	Is there a plan to incorporate hotline support for non-English and non-Spanish speakers?	In order to provide support in languages other than English and Spanish, Illinois Action for Children will prioritize hiring Arabic and/or Mandarin speakers in their hiring process.	Access and Enrollment - Office of Innovation & Incubation
Agenda Item 7 - Board Rule 6-21: Corporal Punishment Prohibited	What's the plan to ensure that all relevant staff are getting the necessary updates and trainings? How are we prioritizing certain trainings over others?	While determining which trainings are mandatory is beyond the scope of OSP on its own, OSP is partnering with stakeholders throughout CPS to ensure that all legally mandated trainings are completed by all adults working with CPS students. Compliance and implementation continue to present challenges, and we are grateful for partnership and support from Law, Talent, Procurement, OSSS, FACE, and many other departments throughout CPS, and we continue to seek out and welcome the partnership of other potential stakeholders. We are united by a common desire to protect Chicago's students without imposing an overly onerous or undue burden on people working with our students. This work is in alignment with the CPS OIG's FY23 Report, which highlighted training, particularly for vendors and volunteers, as a key recommendation (see "Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report," Chicago Board Of Education Office of the Inspector General, January 12, 2024 at 45-55.)	Office of Student Protections & Title IX
Agenda Item 7 - Board Rule 6-21: Corporal Punishment Prohibited	Share an update about how this Board Rule will be implemented.	For SY25, the Office of Student Protections & Title IX (OSP) is planning to update our Protecting Chicago's Children (PCC) training, including in regard to corporal punishment and abusive behavior for all adults. OSP is working with partners throughout CPS to ensure that all adults working with CPS students complete mandatory trainings, including PCC. For vendors, the Law Department has updated the standard vendor contract to ensure that, starting in SY25, all vendors will be contractually obligated to complete mandated training. For volunteers, the Department of Family and Community Engagement is proposing changes to the Volunteer Policy (§801.2, Board Report 18-0822-PO4) to require mandatory training for all volunteers, for proposed consideration at the August 2024 Board meeting.	Office of Student Protections & Title IX

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Agenda 19 - Aramark Educational Services, LLC DBA Aramark Education K-12 and Open Kitchens, Inc	Please share a timeline for when the "Scratch cooking, Bulk Hot vs pre-plated and food court pilots" will be implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scratch Cooking: This program expanded from 1 to 5 sites during SY24. Nutrition Support Services (NSS) is currently assessing feasibility of expanding to additional schools in SY25. ● Food Court: NSS anticipates that Phase 1 of this pilot -- which includes branding and equipment updates at Michele Clark -- will be completed Summer 2024. Phase 2 will start during SY25. The five sites in our scratch cooking pilot will be the first schools to be re-engineered into Food Court cafeterias (i.e. updated equipment and serving areas, new marketing). ● Bulk Hot: NSS performed a successful pilot at Von Linne Elementary during SY24. Ronald Brown Elementary is slated to adopt the program in August 2024.. 	Nutrition Support Services