## ADOPT BOARD RULE 6-32, CHANGE OF AN ATTENDANCE CENTER'S LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION DATE

## THE GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS:

The General Counsel recommends adopting Board Rule 6-32 as follows:

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Upon the recommendation of the General Superintendent, the Board may change the date of the next biennial local school council election for an attendance center from second semester report card pick-up day to first semester report card pick-up day to increase parents' and community residents' involvement as candidates and electors. If the Board adopts the General Superintendent's recommendation concerning the next biennial local school council election, all subsequent elections for the attendance center may be held on the second report card pick-up day every two years thereafter.

## **TEXT OF RULE:**

Sec. 6-32. Change of an Attendance Center's Local School Council Election Date. The General Superintendent may recommend to the Board a change in the date of the next biennial local school council election for an attendance center from second semester report card pick-up day to first semester report card pick-up day. The General Superintendent may recommend such a modification if changing the date would facilitate greater participation in the election, as either candidates or electors, by the parents and community residents who would be eligible to vote for and serve on a particular local school council on and after the new election date.

That determination may be based upon an imminent and significant change, increase or decrease in the populations of parents and/or community residents eligible to serve on, and who would be served by, a particular local school council. The circumstances which may be considered in determining the existence of such changes, increases or decreases may include, but shall not be limited to:

- 1. an imminent and significant change in the composition of the student population eligible to attend the attendance center;
- an imminent and significant increase in the size of the student population eligible to attend the attendance center, such as occurs when existing schools are consolidated or a new school is opened, either in toto or in stages;
- an imminent and significant decrease in the size of the student population eligible to attend the attendance center;
- an imminent and significant change in the attendance center's attendance boundaries or, where applicable, local school council voting boundaries, such as a significant expansion or contraction of the boundaries;
- 5. an imminent and significant expansion of the attendance center's attendance boundaries, or, where applicable, local school council voting boundaries, such as occurs when existing schools are consolidated:

- 6. an imminent and significant contraction of the attendance center's attendance boundaries, or, where applicable, local school council voting boundaries;
- 7. a change in the attendance center's grade structure or any other circumstance that would deny the parents or legal guardians of students eligible to attend the attendance center in the next Fall Term all opportunity to participate, as either candidates or electors, in any local school council election for the attendance center during the period of the students' anticipated enrollment in the attendance center.

The Board may adopt the General Superintendent's recommendation pursuant to its authority under Sections 5/34-2.1(n) and 5/34-18 of the Illinois School Code, respectively, to conduct fair and impartial local school council elections and to exercise general supervision and jurisdiction over the Chicago Public Schools. 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1(n); 5/34-18 (2000). If the Board adopts the General Superintendent's recommendation, all subsequent local school council elections for the attendance center may be held on the same date every two years thereafter. This rule is adopted pursuant to the Board's authority under Sections 5/34-2.1(n) and 5/34-18 of the Illinois School Code. The rule shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved:

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