RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPORTIONED COSTS FOR HOMELESS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TO VARIOUS ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children Act (42 U.S.C. §11361 et seq.) and the Illinois Education for Homeless Children Act (105 ILCS 45/1 et seq.) (collectively referred to herein as the "Homeless Laws") authorize a homeless student to continue his/her enrollment at the school of origin;

WHEREAS, the Homeless Laws define the school of origin as the school the student attended when permanently housed or the last school in which the student was enrolled:

WHEREAS, the Homeless Laws specify the provision of transportation services for homeless students to access their school of origin and maintain their enrollment;

WHEREAS, when the school of origin and the student's temporary residence are located in two different school districts, the Homeless Laws require the two districts to meet and apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child with transportation services to and from the school of origin;

WHEREAS, the Homeless Laws specify that if the two districts are unable to agree on an apportionment, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize payments to or bill Illinois Public School Districts for apportioned transportation expenses, as specified herein, in compliance with the Homeless Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO THAT:

- 1. The Chief Education Officer, or designee, in collaboration with the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, are authorized to meet with other school districts to equitably apportion the responsibility and costs of providing transportation services to homeless students in the following circumstances:
 - a. The school of origin is a Chicago Public School and the student's temporary residence located is outside the City of Chicago; and
 - b. The student's temporary residence is in the City of Chicago and the school of origin is located outside the City of Chicago.
- 2. The Chief Education Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designees, shall ensure payment of current and future apportioned costs related to the transportation of homeless students to or from other Illinois Public School Districts.
- 3. After approval by the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designees, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make payments to, or bill other Illinois public school districts for, apportioned costs associated with transporting homeless students to their schools of origin.
- 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption and shall be effective until amended or rescinded by further Board action.