

August 22, 2001

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 99-0728-PO4, THE CHICAGO  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER POLICY**

**GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS:**

General Counsel recommends amendment of the Chicago Public Schools Volunteer Policy to criminal background investigations of volunteer applicants (Board Rule 99-0728-PO4) with respect to the following:

The amendment also requires the principal to sign the volunteer application form after the principal has received a signed copy of the Illinois State Police's background authorization release form to certify that the applicant has produced the required proof of identity.

The purpose of the amendment is to make the policy consistent with Illinois State Police criminal background investigation procedures.

It is the policy of the Board to promote and encourage school volunteers in order to expand and enhance the educational experience of all people while maintaining an adequate level of safety and security in the Chicago Public Schools.

**School Volunteers Shall be Approved by the Principal**

**Individuals Receiving a Stipend**

A volunteer is an individual who receives no payment for services. An individual who is to receive, or is receiving, a payment, stipend, or other compensation is not considered to be a volunteer and must

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**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:** None

**FINANCIAL  
REVIEW:** Not applicable

**LEGAL  
REVIEW:**