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Call for Chicago Public Schools to establish plan to address mental health needs of students exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic and commitment to hire more social workers Joint Committee: Education and Child Development; Health and Human Relations City Council Meeting November 16, 2022 Joint Committee on Education & Child Development and Committee on Health & Human Relations

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated youth mental health issues to the point that 44% of Chicago children experienced an increased in at least one mental or behavioral symptom during the pandemic compared to before the pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS** students express that they do not feel their needs are being taken seriously by staff in their schools; and,

WHEREAS students have difficulty accessing mental health services in their schools; and,

WHEREAS students want access to professional mental workers in their schools; and,

**WHEREAS** schools are uniquely situated in their access to large portions of the city's population; and,

**WHEREAS** the National Association of Social Workers recommends one social worker for every 250 students or one social worker for every 50 students in schools with high levels of trauma but CPS currently has one social worker for every 865 students and many CPS schools face high levels of trauma; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, that CPS should formulate and publicize a clear plan to address the mental health needs of students that have been exacerbated by the pandemic

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CPS make the commitment to hire social workers for students

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Appendix: This resolution was written by members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Youth Council Imani Abdul, Inaya Abdul, Madeleine Desouza, and Fathima Shaikh

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