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Committee on Education and Child Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law HB 2908, legislation that will make it so that, by 2027, the Chicago Board of Education will consist entirely of elected members. The legislation also expanded the size of the board to 21 members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the legislation, in the November 2024 election, ten elected members will be elected from ten geographic districts to four-year terms that will begin in January 2025. From January 2025 through January 2027, these elected members will serve alongside 11 members appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the Chicago City Council; and

WHEREAS, it has been recently reported that Illinois legislators released a draft map that included seven majority White districts, seven majority Black districts and 6 majority Latino districts, which closely reflects Chicago's demographic population (33% White, 29% Black and 29% Latino); and

WHEREAS, in contrast to Chicago's demographics, it is reported that Chicago Public School's student demographic population is 11% White, 36% Black and 47% Latino; and

WHEREAS, although the map presented by Illinois legislators is in draft form only and subject to public review and discussion, it promotes districts drawn that sets the table for a majority White school board, whereas a majority of the student population in CPS is minority; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the city of Chicago, that the Chicago Board of Education's districts be drawn in a manner that reflects equity, promotes and prioritizes elected representation reflective of the best interest of students and families throughout the city of Chicago; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that President Miguel del Valle and community advocate organizations, are hereby invited to appear before the Committee on Education and Child Development to provide testimony at a hearing on Chicago Board of Education's district map and community representation.