

**Cook County Democratic Party Resolution Supporting
A Chicago Elected Representative School Board**
Prepared for the April 7, 2021 Central Committee Meeting

WHEREAS, The city of Chicago has had an appointed Board of Education since 1995;

WHEREAS, The city of Chicago is the only municipality in the state of Illinois without an elected representative school board;

WHEREAS, A broad and diverse coalition of Chicago community members, CPS parents, educators and staff, as well as students have been organizing for a representative and accountable school board since 2012;

WHEREAS, 90% of Chicagoans in 37 different wards VOTED YES on the advisory referendum for an Elected Representative School Board for Chicago Public Schools in 2015;

WHEREAS, An elected representative school board would expand democracy, uplift Chicago's diverse school communities, and give parents a voice on how the city's schools would operate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE COOK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT:

The Central Committee hereby endorse House Bill 2908 and Senate Bill 2497 for a Chicago Elected Representative School Board and issue a written statement to the Illinois Speaker of the House and the Illinois Senate President to express our support for these two bills and important educational reform.