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**ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAM
BASIC CERTIFICATE IN LEARNING BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST 1
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate Learning Behavior Specialist 1 has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in Learning Behavioral Specialist 1, in the Special Education Endorsement Program at Harry S Truman College will allow currently licensed Special Education Teachers to receive the necessary training towards an endorsement or letter of approval to work in Special Education, preparing teachers to teach children with special educational needs in the grade band in which they are licensed; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for Special Education Teachers, with 648 annual openings in kindergarten through secondary in Cook County in 2019, with projected growth of 5% over the next 10 years; with 36 annual openings in preschool in Cook County in 2019, with projected growth of 10% over the next 10 years; and with 31 annual openings in other levels in Cook County in 2019, with projected growth of 11% over the next 10 years; as well as entry-level wages of \$26.00 to \$35.00 an hour; and

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago is also in receipt of a letter of support from the Talent Office of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) stating that CPS will partner with Truman College to make the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 program available to CPS teachers, staff, and partners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

February 4, 2021 – Office of Academic and Student Affairs