

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS  
WITH SAFE SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreements with the five Safe Schools identified below to provide educational services to students who have been expelled from school or referred by the building principal for displaying chronic disruptive behaviors at a cost for the second option period not to exceed \$2,706,438.00 in the aggregate. Written documents exercising this second option are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any Safe School during the second option period prior to the execution of such Safe School's written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Safe School in the event a written document for such school is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this second option is stated below.

**Specification No.:** 00-250400

**SAFE SCHOOLS:**

1. South Central Community Services, Inc.  
8316 S. Ellis  
Chicago, Illinois 60619  
Contact: Felicia Blesingame  
(773) 483-0900  
Vendor #: 35476
  
2. Infinity Schools, Inc.  
5915 Benjamin Center Drive  
Tampa, FL 33634  
Contact: Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey  
Dr. Robert Spellman  
(813) 887-3300  
Vendor #: 22182
  
3. Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI)  
222 S. Jefferson  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
Contact: Terra Thomas, Ph.D.  
(312) 441-9009  
Vendor #: 25627
  
4. Latino Youth, Incorporated  
2200 S. Marshall Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60623  
Contact: Carmen Aviles  
(773) 277-0400  
Vendor #: 49200
  
5. Richard Milburn High School, Inc.  
27 Congress Street – Suite 204  
Salem, Massachusetts 01970  
Contact: Robert H. Crosby  
(978) 741-7161  
Vendor #: 24596

**USER:**

Specialized Services  
 125 S. Clark – 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60603  
 Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell  
 (773) 553-1772

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS:** The original agreements (authorized by Board Report 00-0726-PR30, as amended by Board Report 00-1025-PR26) were for a term commencing upon the date of signature by the Board and terminating August 30, 2001, with the aggregate value not to exceed \$3,084,532.00. Each agreement contained two one-year options to renew. The term of each agreement was extended for one year commencing August 31, 2001 and ending August 31, 2002 (authorized by Board Report 01-0822-PR21), with an aggregate value not to exceed \$2,890,000.00. The original agreements were awarded pursuant to a Request for Proposal.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of each agreement is being extended for one-year commencing September 1, 2002 and ending August 31, 2003.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** None

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The Safe Schools will continue to offer an educational alternative for youth in grades 6-12 who have been chronically suspended or expelled in accordance with the CPS' Uniform Discipline Code. These schools have special curricula that focus on core academic subjects, social skills and schools to career options.

**DELIVERABLES:** Each school will submit the following: a) monthly attendance reports; b) quarterly grade reports, including transcripts for high school students earning credits toward graduation; c) mid-year report; d) end of year report; e) annual school strategic plan; f) school-wide behavior management plan; g) plans for evacuation; and, h) emergency plans.

**OUTCOMES:** The goal of utilizing these schools is to increase attendance rates to 80% from 78%, enable high school students to earn credits, improve academic achievement and behavior and return students to the regular education setting.

**COMPENSATION:** Each school shall be paid a per diem of \$55.58 for each student slot reserved not to exceed \$10,000 per student annually. The total compensation paid to all schools shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$2,706,438.00.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option documents. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option documents. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the option agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The services and products to be delivered by this vendor are subject to the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for M/WBE Economic Participation. Every good faith effort will be made by this vendor to achieve compliance with the applicable goals.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Counsel approval is not applicable to this report.

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| <b>FINANCIAL:</b> | Charge to Specialized Services               | Fiscal Year: 2003           |
|                   | \$2,706,438.00                               | Source of Funds             |
|                   | Budget Classification:0959-239-759-7090-5560 | 259 Other Government Funded |

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Conflicts—The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracting to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

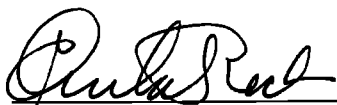
Indebtedness—The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics—The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability—The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

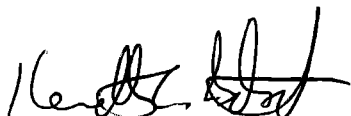
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**Approved:**

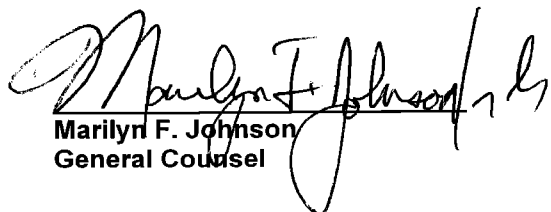
  
Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel