

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PRIVATE CLUSTER SCHOOLS  
TO PROVIDE CLUSTER PROGRAM SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into agreements with those Private Cluster School Providers ("Providers") listed on Exhibit "A" at a cost not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$50,000,000.00 for cluster program expenses over a two-year period. These payments are reimbursed through the Illinois State Board of Education. Providers were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposal (Specification number 04-250018). Written agreements for these Providers are currently being negotiated. No payment will be made to any Provider prior to the execution of that Provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein will automatically rescind as to each Provider in the event a written agreement for such Provider is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

**Specification No.: 04-250018**

**PROVIDERS:** See Exhibit "A"

**USER:** Office of Specialized Services  
Citywide School Pupil Support  
125 S. Clark Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact: Renee Grant-Mitchell - (773) 553-1800

**TERM:** The term of each agreement will commence August 25, 2004, and will end July 31, 2006. Each agreement will have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Providers will serve CPS students with emotional disorders in one or more of six Cluster areas designated by the Board. These services will include providing age-appropriate educational programs and IEP-mandated services to the students, and providing programming to prepare students for their successful and timely return to their neighborhood public schools. In addition, Providers will work with CPS schools, community agencies and family groups to build more effective networks of support services and advance a least restrictive environment for the students.

**DELIVERABLES:** Providers will furnish age-appropriate programs, related services, tests, program notes, HSMP reports, and other reports required by the Office of Specialized Services.

**OUTCOMES:** Services provided by Private Cluster Schools will enable CPS to achieve the following:

1. Decrease the number of students having a primary classification of "emotionally disturbed" who attend private schools by 800 over the next five years.
2. Develop quality private school resources within each of the six CPS Clusters aligned with the programmatic needs of each Cluster.
3. Establish coordinated, innovative practices between the public schools of a specific Cluster and the assigned Private Cluster School Provider to (a) reduce the referral rate of special education students to private schools; (b) maximize available support services for students and their families; and (c) facilitate the transition of private school students returning to public school.
4. Create a method of payment for private schools that is consistent with maintaining quality education programs, providing appropriate supportive services to students and their families, and returning students to public school.

**COMPENSATION:** Each Provider will be allocated a certain number of 'Reserved Seats' and will be paid a negotiated rate for these Reserved Seats for each scheduled school day. For any additional students placed at the designated Private Cluster School, each Provider shall be paid the rate identified by the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board, not to exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$50,000,000.00 over a two-year period. It is anticipated that costs during the first year will not exceed \$25,000,000.00 Each agreement will contain a non appropriation clause and will provide that the Board may increase or decrease the number of Reserved Seats by giving a negotiated number of days written notice.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these student placements and agreements, including but not limited to the Nonpublic Facility Placement contracts required by ISBE.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), this matter is exempt from review because this matter is for tuition payments.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council Approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Citywide/School support - \$50,000,000.00

Budget Classifications: 0966-210-014-7073-5560 \$25,000,000.00 – Fund 210-Gen.Ed.(FY05)  
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**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each Party to the agreements shall acknowledge that in, accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflict – The agreements 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 contracts to former Board Members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board of Education 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 agreements.

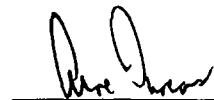
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0727-RU3), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreements.

Contingent Liability – The agreements 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).

Approved for Consideration:


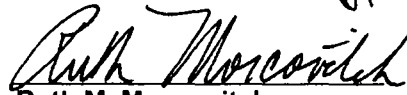
  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form   
  
Ruth M. Moscovitch  
General Counsel

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**PRIVATE CLUSTER SCHOOLS**

1. Banner School  
9538 S. Harvard  
Chicago, IL 60628  
Contact Person: Eric A. Carlton  
Telephone No. 773-934-2328 Fax No. 773-568-7154  
Vendor No. 20029
2. Infinity School of Chicago South  
4611 S. Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60653  
Contact Person: Suzyn Jacobson  
Telephone No. 773-536-5259 Fax No. 773-536-5017  
Vendor No. 22182
3. Lawrence Hall Youth Services  
4833 N. Francisco  
Chicago, IL 60625  
Contact Person: Mike Oliver  
Telephone No. 773-769-3500 Ext. 260 Fax No. 773-769-5334  
Vendor No. 39644
4. Uhlich  
217 N. Jefferson Street  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Contact Person: Zachary W. Schrantz  
Telephone No. 312-669-8200 Ext. 2487 Fax No. 312-669-1512  
Vendor No. 12392
5. Jewish Children's Bureau  
216 W. Jackson, Ste. 800  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Contact Person: Julia Mellow  
Telephone No. 312-673-2714 Fax No. 312-553-5531  
Vendor No. 20973
6. Hillside (The Menta Group)  
1720 N. Randall Road,  
Aurora, IL 60506  
Contact Person: Kenneth J. Carwell  
Telephone No. 630-990-1720 Fax No. 630-907-0197  
Vendor No. 15770
7. South Central Community  
8316 S. Ellis Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60619  
Contact Person: Gregory E. Amos  
Telephone No. 773-617-5328 Fax No. 773-483-9097  
Vendor No. 35476
8. Beacon Therapeutic  
1912 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Chicago IL 60643  
Contact Person: Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW  
Telephone No. 773-413-6304 Fax No. 773-298-1078  
Vendor No. 31488