

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE
CHICAGO TEACHING FELLOWS ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Northwestern University for participants in the CPS Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$210,000.00 in the aggregate. Northwestern University was selected based on their approved Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Alternative Certification Program which offers coursework in a variety of subject areas such as elementary and secondary math and science. In previous years, Northwestern University provided coursework and credential services to several CPS elementary and secondary cohorts in math, science, and world language. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program (Program) is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for the Program courses scheduled from September 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Northwestern University shall provide a core curriculum of 8 graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate for the Program Participants. A maximum of 20 CPS secondary and elementary teachers who have eligible endorsements in math and science may participate in the Program. The Program Participants shall receive additional academic supervision and support from the Inner-City Teaching Corps of America. For the Program, Northwestern University shall charge the Participants a discounted tuition rate of \$10,500.00 per person; and the Board shall advance these tuition costs by paying Northwestern University an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00.

PARTICIPANTS: All Program Participants must have passed both the ISBE Basic Skills Test and the content exam required by Northwestern University. Each Program Participant shall sign an application or agreement that commits the Participant to reimburse the Board 100% of their share (\$10,500.00) of the advanced tuition costs through payroll deductions over the course of the Program; and commits the Participant to satisfy the Program's service requirement after completing the Program and obtaining their Illinois Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate.

OUTCOMES: The twenty (20) Program Participants will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and will teach in Chicago Public Schools for four consecutive years.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments to Northwestern University during the payment period shall not exceed \$210,000.00 in the aggregate, which represents a discounted tuition rate.

AUTHORIZATION: The Director of Recruitment & Workforce Planning is authorized to direct payments to be made to Northwestern University as necessary.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 5.2.3 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, adopted February 28, 2007 (07-0228-PO1) (M/WBE Program), this transaction for tuition payments is excluded from M/WBE review.

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


FINANCIAL: Charge to: Department of Human Resources: \$210,000.00
Budget Classification: 11070-353-54305-221312-462040
Source of Funds: Title IIA – Teacher Quality
Fiscal Year 2008: \$210,000.00

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins *HW*
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



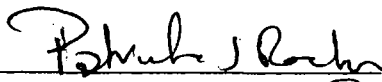
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: *PH*



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