

**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 various Private Cluster School Providers ("Providers") to provide cluster program services to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate. 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 Proposals (07-250042). A written agreement for each Provider is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any Provider for services provided during the term, prior to the execution of such Provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to any 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.: 07-250042

PROVIDERS: See Exhibit "A"

USER: Office of Specialized Services
Citywide School Pupil Support
125 S. Clark Street, 8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact: Renee Grant-Mitchell, Ed.D.
Phone: (773) 553-1804

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on August 1, 2008 and shall end June 30, 2010. The agreements shall have 2 options to renew for periods of 1 year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: These Providers have been selected to provide services to CPS students who have a primary classification of emotional disturbance (ED) or autism and who attend private school in one or more of the six Cluster areas designated by the Board. (See Exhibit A.) 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, these 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 to 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 the Providers will enable CPS to achieve the following:

1. Decrease the number of students having a primary classification of emotional disturbance (ED) or autism who attend private schools.
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 their public school.
4. Create a method of payment for private schools that is consistent with maintaining quality education programs, providing appropriate support 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 per diem rate for these Reserved Seats for each scheduled school day. Reserved Seat payments are guaranteed and are not based on attendance or enrollment. When the actual seat usage by CPS students in any given month exceeds the aggregate Reserved Seat allocation for that month, the Provider shall be paid the per diem rate approved by the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board (IPCRB Rate) for the additional seat usage. This payment is attendance-based. Payments to the Providers for these Agreements during the first year of the term shall not exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate. Each agreement will provide that the Board may increase or decrease the number of Reserved Seats by giving fifteen (15) business days prior written notice.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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 increase or decrease the number of Reserved Seats and adjust the per diem rates for each facility without seeking additional Board authority unless such increase or decrease or rate adjustment causes the aggregate value of this Board Report to exceed \$25,000,000. 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 executing the Nonpublic Facility Placement contracts required by ISBE for each placed student.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, a determination will be made as to when transactions should be excluded from the contract specific M/WBE goals. It has been determined that the participation goal provisions of the Program do not apply to transactions where the pool of providers includes Not-for-Profit organizations.

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

FINANCIAL:

Charge to: Citywide/School support \$25,000,000.00

Budget Classification: 12670-115-376711-124904-54305 \$25,000,000.00 - Tuition

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.

Conflicts – 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 of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreements.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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:



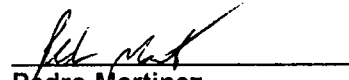
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



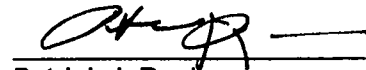
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: *64*



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

Exhibit A

PRIVATE CLUSTER SCHOOLS

1. Banner Schools, LLC
5100 S. Cornell, #904
Chicago, IL 60615
Contact Person: Eric A. Carlton
Telephone No.: 773-934-2328 Fax No.: 773-667-5802
Vendor No.: 20029
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)

Facility: The Banner School
9538 S. Harvard
Chicago, IL 60628
2. Beacon Therapeutic School, Inc.
10650 S. Longwood
Chicago, IL 60643
Contact Person: Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW
Telephone No.: 773-298-1243 Fax No.: 773-298-1078
Vendor No.: 31488
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)

Facility: Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center
10650 S. Longwood
Chicago, IL 60643
3. The Day School
800 W. Buena Ave
Chicago, IL 60613
Contact Person: Jessica Donnelly
Telephone No.: 773-327-6000 Fax No.: 773-327-6223
Vendor No.: 31738
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
4. Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago
14 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60604
Contact Person: Barbara Zawacki
Telephone No.: 312-939-5155 Fax No.: 312-939-0283
Vendor No.: 18567
Category: Autism

Facility: 1939 West 13th Street
Chicago, IL 60608
5. Esperanza Community Services
520 North Marshfield Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622
Contact Person: Phillip Hall
Telephone No.: 312-243-6097 Fax No.: 312-243-2076
Vendor No.: 32997
Category: Autism

6. Infinity School of Chicago, NFP
7831 South Lawndale Avenue
Chicago, IL 60652
Contact Person: O.B. Stander, President
Telephone No.: 813-887-3300 Fax No: 813-887-8092
Vendor No. 65554
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
 7. Jewish Child and Family Services
216 W. Jackson, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606
Contact Person: Julia Mellow
Telephone No.: 312-673-2714 Fax No.: 312-553-5531
Vendor No.: 67060
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
 8. Lawrence Hall Youth Services
2737 W. Peterson
Chicago, IL 60659
Contact Person: Mark Nufer
Telephone No.: 773-728-2807 Fax No.: 773-728-0751
Vendor No.: 39644
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
 9. South Central Community Services, Inc.
8316 S. Ellis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60619
Contact Person: Gregory E. Amos
Telephone No.: 773-483-0900 Fax No.: 773-483-9097
Vendor No.: 35476
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
 10. Special Education Services d/b/a Hillside Academy – East Campus
3049 West Harrison Street
Chicago, IL 60612
Contact Person: Kenneth J. Carwell
Telephone No.: 630-907-2400 Fax No.: 630-907-0189
Vendor No.: 94937
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
 11. Uhlich Children's Home
3737 N. Mozart Street
Chicago, IL 60618-3689
Contact Person: Thomas C. Vanden Berk
Telephone No.: 773-588-0180 Fax No.: 773-588-7762
Vendor No.: 12392
Category: Emotional Disturbance (ED)
- Facility: 3110 W. Grand Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622
Contact Person: Jodi Doane
Telephone No.: 773-290-5821 Fax No.: 773-588-7762