

December 7, 2016

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE KIPP CHICAGO CHARTER SCHOOLS AGREEMENT WITH
CONDITIONS****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

Authorize renewal of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-0122-EX4) was for a term commencing July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002 and authorized the operation of Academy of Communications and Technology (ACT) Charter School serving no more than 300 students in grades 6 through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2004, serving no more than 375 students (authorized by Board Report 02-0123-EX3). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2007 (authorized by Board Report 04-0428-EX3). The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012, serving no more than 450 students in grades 7 through 12 (authorized by Board Report 07-0328-EX2). In May 2010, ACT Charter School requested to voluntarily suspend its educational services after the 2009-2010 school year for a period of no more than two years with an effective date of June 30, 2010 (authorized by Board Report 10-0526-EX4). In November 2011, ACT Charter School submitted a proposal to reinstate the operation of charter school with KIPP Chicago as an educational management organization providing comprehensive school management services at the charter school beginning in the fall of 2012. As a result, the charter and Charter School Agreement were again renewed with ACT Charter School for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017, serving no more than 360 students in grades 5 through 8 (authorized by Board Report 12-0125-EX3). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 12-0328-EX9: Identified the CPS annex at 4837 W. Erie Street as the new location of the charter school beginning in the fall of 2012.

- Board Report 13-0424-EX7: Approved the change in the name of the existing charter school operator to KIPP Chicago Schools as a result of the proposed merger of two charter school operators, Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School and KIPP Chicago Schools, into one charter school operator to be named KIPP Chicago Schools. Also approved the change in the name of the charter school from Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School to KIPP Chicago Charter Schools; corrected the existing address of the charter school from 4837 W. Erie Street to 4818 W. Ohio Street; and authorized the original charter campus at 4818 W. Ohio Street to be named the KIPP Create Campus. Additionally, approved the establishment of one new elementary school campus to open in the fall of 2013 at a location to be determined with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 720 students in the fall of 2013. Finally, approved the establishment of one new elementary school campus in the fall of 2014 at a location to be determined with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 1,260 students in the fall of 2014.
- Board Report 13-0522-EX104: Identified the CPS facility at 5515 S. Lowe Avenue as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – KIPP Bloom Campus beginning in the fall of 2013.
- Board Report 14-0122-EX7: Identified the CPS facility at 1440 S. Christiana Avenue as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – Elementary School Campus beginning in the fall of 2014. Also approved the change in name of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – Elementary School Campus to the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – KIPP Ascend Primary Campus.
- Board Report 15-0624-EX6: Approved the transfer of KIPP Ascend Charter School as a campus of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools (Board Report 15-0624-EX5), to be named the KIPP Ascend Campus and to remain in the CPS facility at 1616 S. Avers Avenue, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 1,530 students beginning in the fall of 2015. Also approved the change in grade structure at KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – KIPP Ascend Primary Campus from K-4 to K-5 with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 1,669 students beginning in the fall of 2015.
- Board Report 15-1028-EX6: Approved the establishment of one new elementary school campus, KIPP #5 Campus, to open in the fall of 2016 and serve an at capacity enrollment of 1,035 students, thus increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 2,704 students in the fall of 2016. Also approved the expansion in the grade structure at the KIPP Create Campus to serve primary grades (K-4). The KIPP Create Campus was approved to remain at its existing facility at 4818 W. Ohio Street temporarily until the campus relocates to a permanent location yet to be determined in the Austin community. The addition of grades K-4 at the KIPP Create Campus increased the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 3,279 students in the fall of 2016.
- Board Report 16-0427-EX22: Approved the consolidation of the KIPP Ascend Primary Campus (K-5) and the KIPP Ascend Campus (6-8) into one campus to be named the KIPP Ascend College Prep Campus with an at capacity enrollment of 949 students. Also approved the change in grades served at the KIPP #5 Campus in year one from grade 5 to grades K and 5 in the fall of 2016; identified the CPS facility at 730 N. Pulaski Road as the location of the KIPP #5 Campus; and approved the change in name of the KIPP #5 Campus to KIPP One Academy Campus. Additionally, approved the delay in the expansion of the KIPP Create Campus to serve primary grades (K-4) to the fall of 2017, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 3,279 students in the fall of 2017 rather than in the fall of 2016.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: KIPP Chicago Schools submitted a renewal proposal on September 14, 2016 to continue the operation of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools under a unified mission. The charter school shall continue to serve grades K through 8 with a maximum enrollment of 3,279 students.

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2016-2017 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
KIPP Create	2012	4818 W. Ohio Street	K – 8	305	935
	2017	TBD	K-4	NA	
KIPP Bloom	2013	5515 S. Lowe Avenue	5 – 8	324	360
KIPP Ascend College Prep	2014	1440 S. Christiana Avenue and 1616 S. Avers Avenue	K – 8	883	949
KIPP One Academy	2016	730 N. Pulaski Road	K-8	185	1,035

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools' academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on November 21, 2016 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including KIPP Chicago Charter Schools. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, KIPP Chicago Charter Schools be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools' charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the charter school by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with KIPP Chicago Schools.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate and execute any amendments to the Charter School Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY17 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

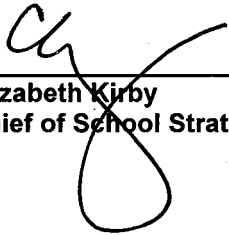
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary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

Conflicts - The 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 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 agreement.


Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:



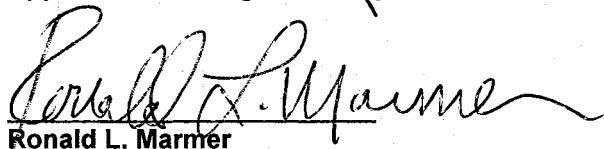
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