

**RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE
YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an amendment to the Charter School Agreement with Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS) which serves students who have dropped out of school. This amendment is necessary to set maximum enrollment and referral totals for the 2000-2001 school year and to identify a means to establish future enrollment totals. A written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not signed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this Amendment is stated below:

CHARTER SCHOOL Youth Connection Charter School
10 West 35th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60616
(312) 328-0799
Vendor # 01121

USER: Office of High School Development
125 South Clark; 9th Floor
Wilfredo Ortiz – Chief Officer
(773) 553-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The Youth Connection Charter School is a twenty-five site Charter School authorized by Board Report 97-0723-EX9. The Board entered into a Charter School Agreement with YCCS dated July 23, 1997 for a term commencing August 1, 1997 and ending July 31, 2002. The agreement was thereafter amended in a document dated September 22, 1999 (authorized under Board Report 99-0922-EX2) to, among other things, provide for a one-time only waiver of enrollment requirements for students displaced by Urban Youth High School and to make a one-time only payment of \$250,000 to support the purchase of supplies.

AMENDMENT SUMMARY: Negotiations to amend the enrollment portion of the Charter School Agreement were entered into by the Chicago Public Schools through the Office of High School Development and the Board of Directors of the Youth Connection Charter School. The second amendment to the Charter School Agreement includes the following changes:

- 1) The mutually agreed upon enrollment for the YCCS for the 2000-2001 school year is 1550.
- 2) Within the mutually agreed upon enrollment of 1550 for FY 2001, CPS may refer up to 150 students for enrollment at YCCS for a maximum enrollment of 1550. All such student placement referrals shall be issued by CPS' Chief Officer of High School Development.
- 3) CPS' Chief Executive Officer and YCCS Board of Directors will mutually determine the annual enrollment totals and referral allocations in subsequent school years up to a maximum of 1700 pupils and shall be memorialized in an Enrollment Appendix to the Charter School Agreement.
- 4) The date on which enrollment totals are tallied for funding calculations shall be changed to the 35th day of each semester.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written Contract Amendment and the Enrollment Appendices. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Amendment document and the 2000-2001 Enrollment Appendix. Authorize Chief Executive Officer to execute the 2001-2002 school year Enrollment Appendix.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not Applicable

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

FINANCIAL:

Budget Classification: 1121-210-086-1721-5560 FY2001
Charge to Office of High School Development: \$7,785,650

Approved:



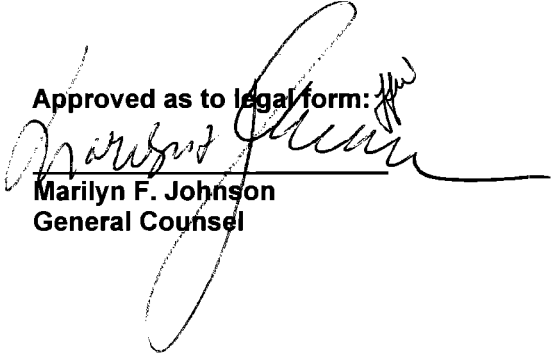
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel