

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOLS
FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with the alternative safe schools identified below to provide educational services to students who have been expelled from school or referred by the building principal for displaying chronic disruptive behaviors at a cost not to exceed \$2,183,508.00 in the aggregate. These schools were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a Request for Proposal (Specification number 03-250045). A written agreement for each school's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any school prior to the execution of such school's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each school in the event a written agreement for such school is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250045

Contract Administrator: Martha Escareno
(773) 553-2284

SAFE SCHOOLS:

1. Infinity Schools, Inc.
5915 Benjamin Center Drive
Tampa, FL 33634
Contact: Melvin Ferrell
Dr. Robert Spellman
(813) 887-3300
Vendor #: 22182
2. Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI)
222 S. Jefferson
Chicago, Illinois 60661
Contact: Terra Thomas, Ph.D
(312) 441-9009
Vendor #: 25627
3. Richard Milburn High School, Inc.
27 Congress Street
Salem, Massachusetts 01970
Contact: Donna Eldridge
Robert H. Crosby
(978) 741-7161
Vendor #: 24596

USER: Specialized Services
125 S. Clark – 8th floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on September 1, 2003 and shall end August 31, 2005, with the Board having 3 options to renew for periods of 1 year each.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Each Safe School will offer comprehensive educational services to youth in grades 6-12 who have been chronically suspended or expelled in accordance with the CPS Uniform Discipline Code. Each school shall have a special curricula that focuses on core academic subjects, social skills and education to career options.

DELIVERABLES: Each school will submit the following: a) monthly attendance reports; b) quarterly grade reports, including transcripts for high school students earning credits toward graduation; c) mid-year report; d) end of year report; e) annual school strategic plan; f) school-wide behavior management plan g) plans for evacuation; h) parent orientation packet; i) student orientation packet; j) school calendar for each school year; k) organizational chart; l) course descriptions for high schools; and, m) staff development plans and dates.

OUTCOMES: The goal of utilizing these schools is to increase attendance rates to 80% from 77%, enable high school students to earn credits, improve academic achievement and behavior and return students to the regular educational setting.

COMPENSATION: Each school shall be paid a per diem of \$55.58 for each student slot reserved not to exceed \$10,000 per student annually. The total compensation paid to all schools shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$2,183,508.00.

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 agreements.

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

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Specialized Services \$2,183,508 Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0959-239-839-7090-5560 Source of Funds: 239 Other Government Funded

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 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.

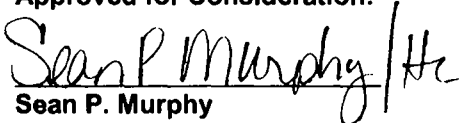
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

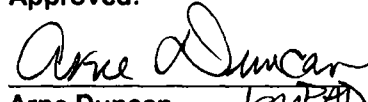
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement 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).

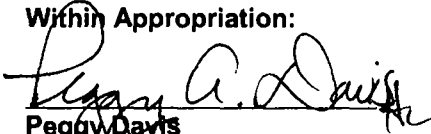
Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

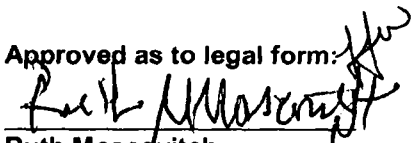
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Peggy Davis
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel