

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(NATIONAL TEACHERS ACADEMY)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with the University of Illinois at Chicago ("UIC") to provide professional services to the Board that relate to the National Teachers Academy ("NTA") at a cost not to exceed \$535,000 for this first option period. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to UIC during the option period prior to the execution of the written renewal document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 04-0623-ED7, as amended by Board Report 04-0825-ED10) in the amount of \$535,700 is for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, with the Board having the option to renew the agreement for 4 successive one-year periods, at a cost to be negotiated at the time of each renewal.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are 3 consecutive option periods for one year each remaining.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago is recognized as one of the nation's top schools of education and known for its school leadership development programs. UIC will offer extensive support to NTA to promote high quality instruction and strengthen NTA's professional development work. UIC will share its findings with CPS and others.

SCHOOL FACILITY: The NTA opened in 2002 with the goal of supporting the professional growth of master teachers, practicing CPS teachers, and pre-service and alternatively certified teachers both inside and outside of the NTA. NTA is located at 55 West Cermak Road and serves students in grades Pre-K through 8.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES OF UIC:

- Ensure the development and implementation of effective educational practices in grades Pre-K through 8;
- Provide innovative approaches to assessing students, teachers, administrators and programs;
- Provide collaborative school leadership and governance;
- Implement teacher preparation and leadership development programs;
- Implement administrator preparation and development program;
- Provide comprehensive support to children, families, and the community; and
- Execute and evaluate the implementation of NTA's mission.

OUTCOMES: UIC's services shall result in a high-performing elementary school with improved ITBS Reading and Math scores, improved ISAT scores, improved student attendance rates, and low mobility rates, as defined in the agreement. Additionally, UIC's services shall result in high quality teacher preparation and development programs that will serve as a model for other schools as well as serving a significant number of CPS teachers, as defined in the agreement and the renewal document.

COMPENSATION: As specified in the renewal document, the Board shall pay UIC a sum not to exceed \$535,000 that shall be used by UIC to fund UIC activities and UIC personnel as described in the renewal document. These personnel will include a full-time director and may include a special assistant, educational specialist, data systems developer, and professional preparation coordinator.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal document. Authorize the Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the renewal document.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: The financial implications of the renewal document will be addressed during the development of the Board's 2005-2006 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY05 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to the renewal document 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 renewal document 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 renewal document.

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 renewal document.

Contingent Liability – The renewal document 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:


Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer *HAW/ow*

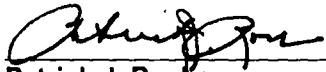
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Within Appropriation:


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Approved as to legal form: *GR*


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