

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF  
CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES RELATING TO THE CHICAGO  
PROGRAM EVALUATION PROJECT (C-PEP)**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services (CYS) to co-sponsor the evaluation study of preschool programs throughout the City of Chicago. The project represents a system-level evaluation of the largest half-day and full-day early childhood education programs in Chicago. The Board will retain Erikson Institute as authorized under a separate Board Report, to provide project management and Fiscal Agent services and to contract with a leading university or research institute to conduct the evaluation. Results from the evaluation will be used by the parties to enhance program administration and classroom practices. A written agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**AGENCY:** City of Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services  
1615 West Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60612  
Mary Ellen Caron  
312-743-0100

**USER:** Office of Early Childhood Education  
125 South Clark, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Barbara T. Bowman  
773-553-2018

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will assess the relationship among teacher and program characteristics, classroom quality, cognitive and social-emotional outcomes, and child and family characteristics including risk status, home language, and years of early childhood education program experience. The project will document and assess children's experiences and development in early childhood education classrooms, and provide the most reliable evidence to date on how well these programs are preparing children to succeed in kindergarten.

**OUTCOMES:** CPS and CYS will use the information produced by the evaluation to develop program improvement strategies, determine the effectiveness of distinct curricula and professional development approaches, inform funding decisions, and provide a database and baseline for future research. The parties will develop specialized committees, events, and long-term plans to ensure that the findings enhance program administration and classroom practices.

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on June 1, 2006 and shall end May 31, 2008. This agreement shall have 1 option to renew for a period of 2 years.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES:** The Board and CYS will:

- Co-sponsor the child evaluation study – Chicago Program Evaluation Project – C-PEP
- Contribute to underwriting of project costs
- Share the commitment to raising private funds
- Designate Erikson Institute as the administrative agent for the study
- Jointly along with Erikson Institute and the project committee select the research group for the project based on the RFP evaluation criteria
- Jointly oversee Erikson Institute as the fiscal agent
- Monitor the performance of Erikson Institute
- Monitor the study to assure completion according to established timelines

**CONTRIBUTION:** The City of Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services will contribute \$150,000 for year 1 and \$180,000 for year 2 should outside sources not be available. The Board will contribute \$245,000 to the project, which amount shall be payable to Erikson Institute as authorized under a separate Board Report.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Exempt

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

**FINANCIAL:** Not applicable to this report.

**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 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 June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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:**



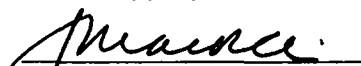
**Heather A. Obora**  
Chief Purchasing Officer

**Approved:**




**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form 

  
**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel