

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-1116-EX15**  
**TO DEFER THE DENIAL OF A CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL AND RESCIND SOME OF THE**  
**PRE-APPROVED RENAISSANCE 2010 SCHOOL PROPOSALS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board defer the denial of a charter school proposal and rescind some of the pre-approved Renaissance school proposals identified in Appendix A.

This amendment is necessary to defer the denial of the charter school proposal for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Charter School (aka Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School) and to rescind the pre-approved status for the proposals the Metropolitan Academy of Science Contract School and an additional campus of Chicago International Charter School as described in Appendix A.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Request for Proposals: In May, 2005, the Board made available a request for proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 initiative. Proposals to operate a performance, contract, and charter schools were submitted to the Board on August 19, 2005. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Board' Renaissance School Policy 05-1026-PO2. The Department of New Schools Development evaluated 57 Renaissance school proposals.

Pre-Approved Status: The proposals identified in the attached Appendix A were reviewed and evaluated to be high quality based on the educational merits, however the proposals could not be presented for final Board approval because of an undetermined school site location. Therefore, in the interim, the Renaissance school proposals indicated in Appendix A ~~are hereby~~ were pre-approved for opening in Fall 2006. ~~Proposals listed in Appendix A will be presented for final Board approval once a school site location has been determined.~~

School site requirement: Pursuant to the school site location requirement for final Board approval as noted above, Section 27A-7 of the Illinois Charter Schools Law, and the Board's Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools (05-1026-PO2), a charter school or contract school proposal must provide a physical site to operate. The Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School, the Metropolitan Academy of Science Contract School, and an additional campus of Chicago International Charter School do not have a suitable site to open in Fall 2006.

Denial of Charter School Proposal Deferred: Pursuant to Section 27A-8 of the Illinois School Code, a public hearing was held on July 20, 2006 for the proposal for Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School. In his report, the independent hearing officer found that the charter school proposal had no viable site to open a charter school in Fall 2006. On July 26, 2006, representatives for Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School requested that the Board review additional information prior to making the decision to deny their charter school proposal. As the Board directed staff to re-review the Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School proposal, the Board will defer denying the charter school proposal and rescinding the pre-approval status at this time.

Rescission of Pre-Approved Status: The Chicago International Charter School and the Metropolitan Academy of Science Contract School were all pre-approved to operate either a school or a campus contingent on determining a school site location. To date, these entities have not found a physical site to operate a school or campus beginning in the Fall of 2006. Therefore, since no suitable site has been identified and the entities have withdrawn their applications, the pre-approved status for a contract school for Metropolitan Academy of Science Contract School, and for an additional campus for Chicago International Charter School is being rescinded.

Entitled to Re-apply: All entities, whose pre-approval status are rescinded, are entitled and encouraged to re-apply by submitting revised or new Renaissance School proposals.

**AUTHORIZATION:** For charter school proposals received under the Renaissance Schools Request for Proposals, authorize the ~~Director of Charter Schools~~ Executive Director of the Department of New School

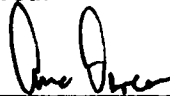
Support to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

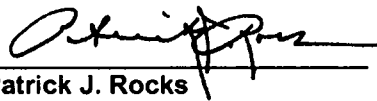


Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: *MA*



Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel

**Appendix A – Pre-Approved Renaissance 2010 Proposals**

Name of Applicant Organization	Name of Proposed School	First Year Grades Served	Est. First Year Enrollment	Grades Served at Capacity	Enrollment at Capacity	Address	School Type
Chicago-Charter-School-Foundation	Chicago-International-Charter-School- Campus	9-10	400	9-12	900	TBD	Charter
Concept-Schools	Metropolitan-Academy-of-Science	7-8	225	7-12	525	TBD	Contract
University of Chicago Charter School	University of Chicago Charter School- High School Campus	6 and 9	160	6-12	590	TBD	Charter
21st Century Charter School	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Charter School	Pre-K-4	364	Pre - K -8	598	TBD	Charter