

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE GOLDEN APPLE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Northwestern University for graduate level coursework for participants in the Golden Apple Alternative Certification program at a cost not to exceed \$266,000.00. Northwestern University was selected because ISBE specifically approved Northwestern University to offer coursework to the Golden Apple participants. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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TERM: Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Northwestern University shall offer courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate to 28 elementary and secondary teachers working in Chicago Public Schools. Northwestern shall offer a core curriculum consisting of eight graduate courses.

PARTICIPANTS: All participants will have passed the Illinois State Board of Education Basic Skills Test and the appropriate content exam before they are allowed to begin the coursework. Participants will reimburse the Board for 85% of the Program tuition costs through payroll deduction. The Board will contribute \$1,500 per participant. Participants shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$8,000.00 through payroll deduction over the course of the program for a total reimbursement of \$224,000.00. Each Participant shall sign an application or agreement that commits him/her to work in a relevant CPS teaching position for a period of not less than three years after completing the Program and obtaining their certification, if such positions are offered to them. Participants who fail to fulfill these requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the Program. The repayment amount will be established by a *pro rata* formula developed by the Board's Alternative Certification Program Manager.

OUTCOMES: Twenty-eight (28) participants will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and teach in Chicago Public Schools.

COMPENSATION: The University will be compensated up to \$9,500 per participant, up to a maximum of \$266,000.

AUTHORIZATION: The Chief Human Resources Officer is authorized to direct payments to be made to the University as necessary.

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

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Human Resources: \$266,000.00 FY 2007
Budget Classification: 0913-253-859-1575-5560

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:

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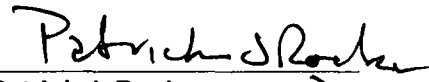

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Within Appropriation:

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