

**RESCIND THE PRE-APPROVED STATUS AND DENY THE RENAISSANCE 2010 SCHOOL PROPOSAL FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board rescind the pre-approved status and deny the Renaissance school proposal for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Charter School (a.k.a. Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School).

**BACKGROUND:**

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. The Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School proposal was submitted to the Board on or about August 19, 2005. The proposal was reviewed and evaluated to be high quality based on the educational merits, however it could not be presented for final Board approval because of an undetermined school site location. Therefore, in the interim, it was pre-approved for opening in Fall 2006.

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. Section 27A-7 of the Illinois Charter Schools Law and the Board's Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools (05-1026-PO2) requires a charter school proposal to have a physical site to operate.

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. The Board directed staff to re-review the Global Alliance Preparatory Charter School proposal and deferred denying the charter school proposal and rescinding the pre-approval status until further notice.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the 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**  
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**Approved:**



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**Within Appropriation:**



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