

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRAZIER PREPARATORY ACADEMY AND ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH FRAZIER ACADEMY DESIGN TEAM, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the establishment of the Frazier Preparatory Academy located at 4027 West Grenshaw, Chicago, IL 60624, and approve entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with the Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of the Frazier Preparatory Academy. The School Management and Performance Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Pursuant to the Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 05-1026-PO2, as amended ("Renaissance Policy"), Frazier Preparatory Academy will open in the fall of 2007 as a Contract School as described in the Renaissance Policy. The Board hereby designates Frazier Preparatory Academy as a Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of the Frazier Preparatory Academy as a Renaissance Contract School was held on November 6, 2006 at Frazier Elementary School, 4027 West Grenshaw, Chicago, IL 60624 in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2006, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties to the Board on September 5, 2006. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

Enrollment: Frazier Preparatory Academy will be a neighborhood school that will enroll students through a lottery with preference given to North Lawndale community residents. Frazier Preparatory Academy will enroll approximately 525 students in grades Pre-K through 8 for the 2007-08 school year. In subsequent years the school may serve up to 560 students.

Attendance Boundaries: The Department of School Planning will work with the Office of New Schools, Frazier Preparatory Academy and the North Lawndale community to develop an attendance boundary plan for submission to the Board for approval.

Curriculum: Frazier Preparatory Academy aims to provide a rigorous and engaging educational program based upon the Paragon Curriculum, which is an arts-infused model, for its elementary students with the mission of grooming them into self-motivated life learners. Methods of instruction will include multiple assessments, technology-infused learning, multi-cultural learning content, foreign language studies, additional instructional time and extended school year. All these methods will aim to ensure all students cross-curricular academic success.

Governance: Initially, Frazier Preparatory Academy will establish a transition governing body. Thereafter, a school governing body will be appointed by the Board in a timely manner in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's guidelines on the establishment of appointed local school governing bodies.

School Management Description: At a minimum, the School Management and Performance Agreement will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school and shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the school operator including, but not limited to, site location, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, Board Rules and Policies, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with the Board's Renaissance Policy, contract schools may obtain other exemptions or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval. The school will be managed by Mosaica Education, Inc.

TERM: The term of the School Management and Performance Agreement shall commence July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2012. Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. and Frazier Preparatory Academy's designation as a Renaissance Contract School will expire on June 30, 2012 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

COMPENSATION: Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. will be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the Frazier Preparatory Academy.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the school operator, in the written School Management and Performance Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the School Management and Performance Agreement.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the general fund cost of 525 students in 2007-08 will be approximately \$3,247,125. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY07 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school, Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. will employ its own teachers and staff.

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 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, 2006 (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.

Approved:



Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully submitted:




Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel