

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE
CHICAGO TEACHING FELLOWS ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Dominican University for participants in the Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$381,400.00 for an eighteen-month period. University was selected based on their approved Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Alternative Certification Programs to offer coursework to the Chicago Teaching Fellows in middle grade levels math and science. In previous years, Dominican University has provided coursework and credential services participants to three cohorts. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dominican University shall offer graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate to 50 middle grade teachers with eligible endorsements in math and science. Dominican University shall offer a core curriculum consisting of 28 graduate credit hours.

PARTICIPANTS: All participants will have passed the ISBE Basic Skills Test and the appropriate content exam as required by university admissions. Participants will reimburse the Board 100% for the program tuition costs. Each Chicago Teaching Fellows participant seeking a middle grades math or science certification shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$7,628.00 through payroll deductions or lump sum payment over the course of the program for a cohort reimbursement of \$381,400.00.

Each participant from this program shall sign an application or agreement that commits him/her to satisfy post-program service requirements after completing the program and obtaining their Illinois Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate. Participants who fail to fulfill their respective requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the program.

OUTCOMES: Fifty (50) participants in this program will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and teach in Chicago Public Schools for four consecutive years.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments to the University during the payment period shall not exceed \$381,400.00 which is a discounted tuition rate.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 5.2.3 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: \$381,400.00
Budget Classification: 0710-253-859-1575-5560
Source of Funds: Title IIA – Teacher Quality
Fiscal Year 2008: \$246,100.00
Fiscal Year 2009: \$135,300.00

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, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

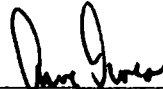
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer 


Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel 