

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the establishment of the Academy for Global Citizenship located at 4101 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60632, and approve entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with the Academy for Global Citizenship, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of the Academy for Global Citizenship. This approval is contingent upon final approval from the Board's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") as detailed below. 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 the Academy for Global Citizenship within 120 days of the date the CEO files a report with the Secretary of the Board approving the contract school application. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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Contact Person: Josh Edelman, Executive Officer

**DESCRIPTION:**

School Designation: Pursuant to the Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy"), the Academy for Global Citizenship will open in the fall of 2008 as a Contract School as described in the Renaissance Policy. The Board hereby designates the Academy for Global Citizenship as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of the Academy for Global Citizenship as a Renaissance Contract School was held on October 13, 2007 at the Archer Public Library, 5055 S Archer Avenue, Chicago IL 60632 in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In April 2007, 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 August 6, 2007. 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: The Academy for Global Citizenship will enroll students through a lottery with preference given to Archer Heights and West Elsdon community residents. The Academy for Global Citizenship will enroll approximately 88 students in grades K through 1st grade for the 2008-09 school year. In subsequent years the school may serve up to 350 students in grades K through 8th grade.

**Attendance Boundaries:** The Department of School Planning is directed to work with the Office of New Schools, the Academy for Global Citizenship and the Archer Heights and West Elsdon communities to develop an attendance plan for submission to the Board for approval.

**Curriculum:** The Academy for Global Citizenship will offer a rigorous, standards-based education delivered through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years and Middle Years Programs, in order to provide a relevant, engaging, and challenging educational program for all children. The International Baccalaureate Program is an inquiry-based learning curriculum that teaches students to construct meaning through concept-driven units of study. With a commitment to the 5 research-driven priorities of: 1) high expectations, 2) environmental and international mindedness, 3) focus on community, 4) learning through inquiry, and 5) serving the whole child, the Academy for Global Citizenship aims to create global citizens who will achieve a high level of academic success so that they will positively impact their community and the world beyond.

**Advisory Body:** A school advisory body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's Renaissance School Policy in the following manner: the CEO or his designee, in consultation with the Academy for Global Citizenship shall develop the composition and duties of the advisory body for approval by the Board. Such requirements shall be included in the agreement with Academy for Global Citizenship. The members of the advisory body will be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the CEO or his designee.

**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, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with the Board's Renaissance Policy, contract schools may request exemptions from Board Rules and Policies or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval.

**CONTINGENT APPROVAL:** The granting of a contract by the Board and the entering into a School Management and Performance agreement is contingent upon the school operator meeting benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools including, but not limited to, leadership, monitoring and the use of an attendance boundary. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school operator with all deadlines to be met by April 15, 2008. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein and the denial of the contract school application. A final review of the contract school application will be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer or his designee will file a report, approved by the General Counsel as to legal form, indicating the CEO's final approval or denial of the contract school application and satisfactory resolution of all material issues related to the formation of the school. The report will be filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before May 15, 2008. This final review will be conducted to determine compliance with the terms indicated above.

**TERM:** Upon final review of this contract school application and approval from the Chief Executive Officer, the term of the School Management and Performance Agreement shall commence July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2013. Academy for Global Citizenship and Academy for Global Citizenship's designation as a Renaissance Contract School will expire on June 30, 2013 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

**COMPENSATION:** The Academy for Global Citizenship will be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the Academy for Global Citizenship.

**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 88 students in 2008-09 (FY09) will be approximately \$566,192.00. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the FY09 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond the current FY08 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** As a contract school, the Academy for Global Citizenship will employ its own principal, 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:**

  
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**Barbara J. Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer


**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel