

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
NORTH LAWDALE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-1217-EX2) was for a term commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2003 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 400 students in grades 9-12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2008 (authorized by Board Report 03-0225-EX04) and subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 06-1115-EX2: Approved the establishment of a new campus located at 1313 South Sacramento, increased the enrollment cap to 900 and corrected the address of the existing campus from 1616 South Christiana to 1615 South Christiana.
- Board Report 07-1114-EX2: Approved the increase of the enrollment cap at the 1615 South Christiana Campus to 425 and an increase of the overall charter enrollment cap to 925 students.

The 2003 Charter School Agreement, as amended, authorizes North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School to operate a total of 2 campuses with a maximum enrollment of 925. The agreement incorporates an accountability plan where the school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (NLCP) submitted a renewal proposal on October 5, 2007, to continue the operation of the NLCP Charter High School under a unified mission. NLCP has since modified its renewal proposal to include commitments to operate the two (2) campuses using uniform assessment plans and performance standards, curriculum and school calendar alignment, as well as standard governance, operational, employment, educational and admissions policies. The Charter School shall serve grades 9-12 with a maximum student enrollment of 1100 students.

<b>Campus Name</b>	<b>Year Opened</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>At Capacity Grades</b>	<b>2008 - 2009 Enrollment</b>	<b>At Capacity Enrollment</b>
North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School	1998	1615 S Christiana	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	500	500
North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (at Collins)	2007	1313 S Sacramento	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	300	600

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools conducted a comprehensive evaluation of NLCP's performance and operations. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, facilities surveys, financial analysis, and academic site visits of the two NLCP campuses in which teaching and learning, leadership and governance, and the learning communities were assessed. Public hearings were conducted on November 28, 2007 and December 5, 2007 to receive public comment on the application to renew North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School for an additional five years. There was no public testimony, oral or written, from anyone in opposition of the renewal of the NLCP charter. In addition, the Office of New Schools evaluated the school's student performance. From 2003-2004 to 2006-2007, NLCP received 9 out of 24 high ratings and 11 out of 24 middle ratings on their student absolute indicators. The percentage of students meeting/exceeding state standards on the PSAE increased eight percentage points from 2003-2004 to 2006-2007. The committee recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, NLCP be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School's charter status is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2013.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement, which shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of the charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Officer of the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action (s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification.

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

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY09 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of this enrollment will be approximately \$ 5,611,300.00 in 2008-2009.

**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.

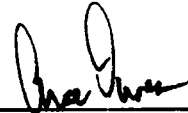
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement

**Approved:**



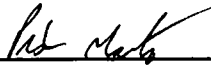
**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
**Chief Education Officer**

**Respectfully Submitted:**




**Arne Duncan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**



**Pedro Martinez**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
**General Counsel**

