

**RATIFY AGREEMENTS WITH BANNER SCHOOLS AND PATHWAYS IN EDUCATION-ILLINOIS
FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify agreements with Banner Schools and Pathways in Education-Illinois to provide Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) services to Office of High School Programs at a cost not to exceed \$5,373,000.00 in the aggregate. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. The ALOP Providers were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. Written agreements for each Provider's services are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any Provider prior to the execution of such Provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Provider in the event a written agreement is not executed by such Provider within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 08-250007

PROVIDERS:	1. Banner Schools 1243 S. Wabash #503 Chicago, Illinois 60605 773-934-2328 Contact Name: Eric Carlton Vendor No. 20029	2. Pathways in Education-Illinois 48 N. El Molino, Suite #101 Pasadena, California 91101 626-683-3555 Contact Name: Jamie Hall Vendor No. 18327
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USER: Office of High School Programs
125 S. Clark, 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Mr. David Gilligan
773-553-2147

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on September 2, 2008 and shall end on August 30, 2010. Each agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement with thirty (30) days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Providers shall provide the following ALOP services pursuant to Section 13B of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/13B-1 et seq.): High quality alternative educational program services for high school students aged 17 years and older who have had significant leaves of absence from school or have been involved with the juvenile justice system and have few, if any, high school credits. The programs shall be designed to prepare students for graduation from high school and provide post-secondary paths. Providers will provide a 24-credit requirement program, aligned with Chicago Public Schools graduation requirements. Students' diplomas will be issued by their home high schools. Providers will participate fully in the Prairie State Achievement Examination for grade 11. Providers will participate in the Explore Test in grade 9 and the Plan Test in grade 10. Data from these assessments will be compiled and evaluated as described below. If for any reason CPS ceases to use any of the assessment systems described herein, the Board, at its discretion, shall implement an alternate student assessment system and test measure criteria for Provider accountability purposes.

DELIVERABLES: Providers shall:

- Provide Program with adequate and appropriate equipment and supplies.
- Administer academic progress and other assessments as described by the Board, in the Board's sole discretion (Board will provide test booklets, training and scoring for mandated state and local tests.).
- Provide areas in school conducive to learning separate from the lunch and other activity rooms.
- Provide sufficient staff (teacher aides, security, etc.) to effectively manage, support and educate students consistent with their needs.

- Provide programs with a special component dedicated to truancy with attempts to increase attendance of students and decrease truancy problems.
- Provide and administer mutually agreed upon assessments of progress in reading and mathematics at the end of school year for all students to assess individual student progress.
- Provide to Office of High School Programs semester transcripts for each student enrolled in ALOP Schools.
- Provide daily attendance reports to Office of High School Programs' staff.
- Provide list of graduates to Office of High School Programs at the end of each school year.
- Provide copies of individual student success plans to Office of High School Programs.

OUTCOMES: Providers will ensure that:

- Students make a minimum of six months' growth on standardized achievement tests.
- Student attendance rate is 80%.
- Students earn a minimum of 6 credits per academic year.
- Students have post-secondary plans upon graduation.
- Graduation rate is 85%.
- Dropout rate less than 4%.
- Credit gain of 80% with students attaining 5+ credits over one year.
- Students are provided the curricular and credit opportunities to earn high school diplomas.

COMPENSATION: Each Provider will be allocated a certain number of seats and will be paid a negotiated rate for these seats, not to exceed the sum of \$5,373,000.00 in the aggregate for all Providers. Each agreement will contain a clause that the Board may increase or decrease the number of seats by giving the Provider thirty (30) days written notice.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreements. Authorize the Chief Officer of High School Programs to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the written agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, a determination will be made as to when transactions should be excluded from contract specific M/WBE goals. It has been determined that the participation goal provisions of the Program do not apply to transactions where the pool of providers includes Not-for-Profit organizations.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High Schools and High School Programs
\$5,373,000.00

Fiscal Year: 2008
Budget Classification: 66301-115-54305-212024-000000: \$2,173,000.00
Source of Funds: General Education 210
SGSA 234

Fiscal Year: 2009
Budget Classification: 13722-115-54304-212024-000000: \$3,200,000.00
Source of Funds: General Education 210
SGSA 234

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 Chicago 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.

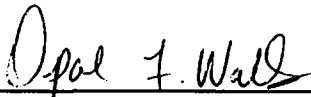
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one- year period following expiration or other termination of their 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:



Opal L. Walls
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



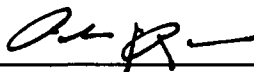
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel