

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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Northwestern University for participants in the CPS Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$375,000.00 in the aggregate. Northwestern University was selected based on their approved Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Alternative Certification Program which offers coursework in for certification in secondary math and science. In previous years, Northwestern University provided coursework and credential services to CPS secondary cohorts in math and science. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program (Program) is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for the Program courses scheduled from August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Northwestern University shall provide a core curriculum of 8 graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate for the Program Participants. A maximum of 30 CPS secondary teachers who have eligible endorsements in math and science participate in the Program. The Program Participants shall receive additional academic supervision and support from the Inner-City Teaching Corps of America. For the Program, Northwestern University shall charge the Participants a discounted tuition rate of \$12,500.00 per person; and the Board shall advance these tuition costs by paying Northwestern University an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00.

PARTICIPANTS: All Program Participants must have passed both the ISBE Basic Skills Test and the content exam required by Northwestern University. Each Program Participant shall sign an application or agreement that commits the Participant to reimburse the Board 100% of their share (\$12,500.000) of the advanced tuition costs through payroll deductions over the course of the Program; and commits the Participant to satisfy the Program's service requirement after completing the Program and obtaining their Illinois Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate.

OUTCOMES: The thirty (30) Program Participants will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and will teach in Chicago Public Schools for four consecutive years.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments to Northwestern University during the payment period shall not exceed \$375,000.00 in the aggregate which represents a discounted tuition rate.

AUTHORIZATION: The Chief Human Resources Officer to direct payments to be made to Northwestern University as necessary.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 5.2.3 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, tuition payments to other educational institutions are excluded from M/WBE review.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Department of Human Resources: \$375,000.00
Budget Classification: 11070-353-54305-221312-494025*
Source of Funds: Title IIA – Teacher Quality
Fiscal Year 2010: \$375,000.00

*Grant number will change for FY 10

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 D.C.W.

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Chief Education Officer

Approved:

Ron Huberman

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Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

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Approve as to legal form:

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