

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION, ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

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

Authorize tuition payments to various Universities and Colleges for course work leading to Illinois Type 04 (Early Childhood) certification, alternative 04 certification, Director's Credentials, Mentoring Credentials, and Infant Toddler Specialist Credentials at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. The University and College pool was selected because they have approved Illinois State Board of Education certification, alternative certification, or credentialing programs. All have past experience with the Chicago Board of Education. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below:

**UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES:**      **See Exhibit "A"**

**USER:**                                      Office of Early Childhood Education  
125 South Clark Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Paula Cottone  
773-553-2010

**PAYMENT PERIOD:** Tuition payments are authorized for university/college courses scheduled from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Type 04 Certificate, an Alternative Type 04 Certificate, Child Care Director's Credentials, Early Childhood Mentoring Credentials, and Infant Toddler Credentials will be provided by the universities and colleges listed. Increased funding provided through the Preschool for All program and the Early Childhood Block Grant of the Illinois State Board of Education, necessitates that grant recipients establish programs to enable child care staff to obtain the required early childhood certificates and credentials.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Participants in the program must be current employees of child care agencies participating in the Community Partnership Program funded through Preschool For All of the Illinois State Board of Education. Each participant must have prior approval of their agency director and must meet all entry criteria of the specific college / university. Applicants must complete application / enrollment documents according to the individual college / university requirements.

**OUTCOMES:** This program will result in an increased number of credentialed and state certified staff working in child care programs funded by the Community Partnership Program of the Chicago Public Schools. Approximately 30 - 50 teachers, each year, will complete the certification program and teach in child care classrooms. Additionally 20-25 participants, each year, will obtain Director's Credentials and Infant Toddler Specialist Certificates which will enhance the quality of child care programs participating in the Community Partnership Program.

**COMPENSATION:** Total tuition payments to the universities and colleges during the payment period shall not exceed \$3,000,000.00.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The Deputy Chief Early Childhood Education Officer is authorized to direct payments to be made to the universities and colleges 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 exempt from review.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Office of Early Childhood Education: \$3,000,000.00  
Fiscal Year: 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012  
Budget Classification: 11385-115-54520-111085-376619  
Source of Funds: Early Childhood Block Grant – Illinois State Board of Education

**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:**

  
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**

  
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**Ron Huberman**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form 

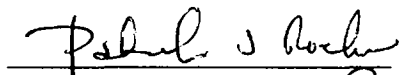
  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel

Exhibit A  
 Chicago Public Schools  
 Office of Early Childhood Education  
 Universities and Colleges

<u>College / University</u>	<u>Address, City, State, Zip</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>
Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	809 South Marshfield Avenue Chicago, IL 60607	Luis A. Vargas (312) 996-8406, (312) 996-9005	32571
Chicago Consortium of Colleges and Universities	13425 Misty Meadow Dr. Palos Heights, IL 60463	Bernard Ferri (773) 874-6165	34823
Chicago State University	9501 S. King Drive Chicago, IL 60628	Deborah Parker (773) 221-3004	28386
Erikson Institute	451 North LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60611	Linda Gilkerson (312) 893-7138	73654
Harold Washington College	30 East Lake Street Chicago, IL 60601	Mary Kaleta (312) 553-5840	42846
Kendall College	900 North North Branch Street Chicago, IL 60642	Joseph Cicchetto (312) 752-2146	30781
ω National Louis University	1000 Capitol Drive Wheeling, IL 60090	Paula Jorde Bloom (847) 947-5055	48030
Ounce of Prevention Fund	33 West Monroe, STE 2400 Chicago, IL 60603	Sarah Bradley (312) 922-3863	30597
Roosevelt University	430 South Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60605	Diana L. Kidd (847) 619-8676	26375