

**APPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR FIVE CHARTER SCHOOLS IN
NCLB SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT STATUS AS OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve School Improvement Plans for Advancing Academic Achievement (SIPAAAs) for five charter schools placed in NCLB school improvement status for the 2009-2010 school year.

DESCRIPTION: The Chief Executive Officer is requesting approval of the SIPAAAs for the five charter schools noted on the attached Exhibit A as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). These schools were identified for NCLB school improvement status for the 2009-2010 school year based on their failure to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. All other charter and non-charter schools in school improvement status completed plans during the 2008-2009 school year and their plans were approved through Board Report 09-0826-EX14. These five schools were not in school improvement status at the time and were only required to develop a SIPAAA after being identified for school improvement status.

These plans include specific steps that the school staff must take to correct deficiencies and specific objective criteria by which the schools' subsequent progress shall be judged. Individual plans were developed collaboratively at each school with the assistance of the Office of New Schools, parent and community representatives, and school personnel. Once submitted to the Office of New Schools, SIPAAAs were reviewed to ensure that areas in need of improvement were addressed and that the stated targets and activities were consistent with trend analyses and analysis of current conditions.

All schools appended a Parent Compact and a Parent Involvement Policy to the SIPAAA. Many plans included the following actions: implementing new reading and mathematics programs, providing professional development, implementing reduced class size, purchasing instructional materials, and teaching reading at the high school level.

Monitoring of and support for these SIPAAAs will be the responsibility of the Office of New Schools with the assistance of the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Grants Management and Administration. Copies of the fully executed SIPAAAs are available in the Office of New Schools.

FINANCIAL: Within budgetary appropriations.

Approved for Consideration:



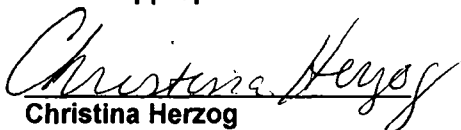
Barbara Eason Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



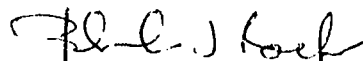
Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Christina Herzog
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

Exhibit A

Charter Schools with NCLB School Improvement Status

<u>School Name</u>	<u>State RCDTS Code</u>
Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School	15016299025222C
Catalyst Elementary Charter School	15016299025223C
Perspectives Charter High School (5 campuses)	15016299025003C
University of Chicago Charter School (4 campuses)	15016299025204C
UNO Network Charter School (9 campuses)	15016299025205C