

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
CHICAGO CHARTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Chicago Charter School Foundation for an additional 5-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 97-0122-EX4 as amended by Board Report 00-0223-EX3) is for a term commencing July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002 and authorized CCSF to operate four campuses with a total enrollment of 5,000. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2007 (authorized by Board Report 01-1219-EX2). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012 (authorized by Board Report 07-0523-EX5). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 07-0822-EX10: Approved the address change of the CICS - Ralph Ellison Campus from 8001 S. Honore to 1547 W. 95th Street and the name change of the CICS - Avondale Campus located at 3820 N. Spaulding to CICS - Irving Park Campus.
- Board Report 07-1024-EX6: Approved the establishment of a new campus in the fall of 2008 to be located at 9535 South Throop Street and the increase of the at capacity enrollment by 520 to 8,167.
- Board Report 07-1219-EX3: Approved an address correction for the CICS - Irving Park Campus from 3834 N. Spaulding to 3820 N. Spaulding.
- Board Report 08-0123-EX3: Approved the address change of the CICS- Ralph Ellison Campus from 1547 W. 95th Street to the permanent address of 8001 S. Honore.

- Board Report 08-0602-EX3: Approved the correct contact information for the Chicago Charter School Foundation; the correct addresses of the CICS – Friesse Campus, CICS - Ralph Ellison Campus and CICS - Washington Park Campus; the correct year when the CICS - Longwood Campus and CICS - Washington Park Campus opened; the change in grade structures for the CICS - Longwood Campus and CICS - Friesse Campus; the increase of the at capacity enrollment for the CICS - Friesse Campus; the decrease of the at capacity enrollment for the CICS - Ralph Ellison Campus; the correction of the at capacity enrollments for 7 campuses; and the change of the overall at capacity enrollment for the whole charter school from 8,167 to 8,000.
- Board Report 08-1022-EX12: Approved the establishment of a new campus in the fall of 2009 to be located at 13300 S. Langley, the increase of the overall at capacity enrollment by 350 to 8,350 students, the change of the name of the CICS - Friesse Campus to the CICS - Loomis Primary Campus, and the clarification of the relationship of any pre-kindergarten program to the charter school.
- Board Report 09-0826-EX9: Approved the name change of the CICS - Altgeld Gardens Campus to the CICS - Lloyd Bond Campus.
- Board Report 09-1216-EX4: Approved the establishment of a new campus in the fall of 2010 to be located at 801 E. 133rd Place and the increase of the at capacity enrollment at the charter school by 900 to 9,250 students.
- Board Report 10-0324-EX3: Approved the name change of the CICS - Carver Campus to the CICS - Larry Hawkins Campus, the change of grade structure at the CICS - Larry Hawkins Campus from 6 through 12 to 7 through 12, and the change of grade structure at the CICS - Lloyd Bond Campus from K through 8 to K through 6.

The charter and Charter School Agreement were amended and restated to approve the following:

- the decrease of the at capacity enrollment at the CICS - Ralph Ellison Campus by 30 students to a new at capacity enrollment of 570 students and the increase of the at capacity enrollment at the CICS - Bucktown Campus by 30 students to a new at capacity enrollment of 670 students (Board Report 10-1027-EX15); and
- the establishment of one new campus to open in the fall of 2011 at 1443 N. Ogden and the increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 801 to 10,051 students in the fall of 2011 (Board Report 11-0126-EX10).

School Management Co.	Year Opened	Campus Name	Address	At Capacity Grades	2012-2013 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
Civitas	2002	Northtown	3900 W. Peterson	9-12	850	850
	2006	Ralph Ellison	1817 W. 80th Street	9-12	613	630
	2005	Wrightwood	8130 S. California	K-8	735	785
Chicago Quest	2011	ChicagoQuest North	1443 N. Ogden	6-12	412	801
Distinctive Schools	1997	Bucktown	2235 N. Hamilton	K-8	670	670

	1997	Prairie	11530 S. Prairie Avenue	K-8	405	405
	2002	West Belden	2245 N. McVicker	K-8	500	500
Edison Schools Inc.	2010	Larry Hawkins	801 E. 133 rd Place	7-12	577	900
	2009	Lloyd Bond	13300 S. Langley	K-6	350	350
	1997	Longwood	1309 W. 95th Street	3-12	1475	1475
	2008	Loomis Primary	9535 S. Loomis	K-2	590	590
Victory	2005	Avalon/South Shore	1501 E. 83rd Place	K-8	426	426
	2002	Basil	1816 W. Garfield Blvd	K-8	733	733
	2007	Irving Park	3820 N. Spaulding	K-8	527	536
	2001	Washington Park	6105 S. Michigan	K-8	454	460

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: The Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted a renewal proposal on September 1, 2011, to continue the Chicago International Charter School under a unified mission, using ChicagoQuest, Civitas, Edison Schools Inc, Distinctive Schools and Victory for comprehensive school management services. In January 2012, the Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted a material modification to increase the enrollment at the CICS-Ralph Ellison Campus, raising the at capacity enrollment to 630 students. As a result, the charter school shall serve grades Kindergarten through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 10,111 students.

The agreement incorporates an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to academic, financial and operational performance.

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Portfolio Office conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Chicago International Charter School's performance and operations. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, facilities surveys, financial analysis, and academic site visits of the Avalon/ South Shore, Basil, Bucktown, Lloyd Bond, Irving Park, Longwood, Prairie, Ralph Ellison and West Belden campuses in which teaching and learning, leadership and governance, and learning communities were assessed. A public hearing was conducted on Thursday, March 22, 2012 to receive public comments on the application to renew the Charter School Agreement with the Chicago Charter School Foundation for an additional five years. In addition, the Portfolio Office evaluated the school's student performance. From 2007-2008 to 2009-2010, Chicago International Charter School campuses received 21 of 50 high ratings, 21 of 50 middle ratings, and 8 of 50 low ratings. From 2007-2008 to 2009-2011, CICS' student attendance averaged approximately 94.0%. In 2010-2011, 23.5% of CICS students met or exceeded state standards on the PSAE Composite, a decrease of 7.3 percentage points from 2007-2008. In 2010-2011, the percentage of students meeting/exceeding state standards on the ISAT Composite was 76.8%, an increase of 4.4 percentage points from 2007-2008. In 2011, CICS was rated a Level 2 school at the high school level and a Level 2 school at the elementary school level, in accordance with the Performance, Remediation, and Probation Policy, the most recent framework put forth by the district for assessing charter pupil performance. The committee recommends that, based on the school's

performance on these and other accountability criteria, Chicago International Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of Chicago International Charter School's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the charter school and included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with the Chicago Charter School Foundation.

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 written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of New Schools and Programs 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 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY12 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

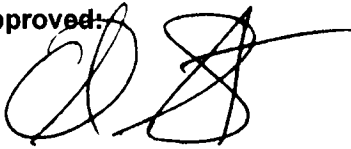
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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.

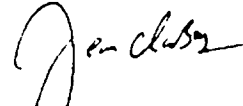
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved:



Oliver Sicat
Chief Portfolio Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



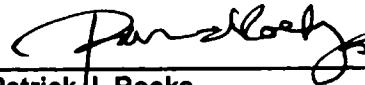
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Within Appropriation:



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Approved as to Legal Form: ✖



Patrick J. Rocks
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