

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
PERSPECTIVES CHARTER SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Perspectives Charter School 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) was for a term commencing July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002 and authorized the operation of a charter school focusing on college preparation and character development for students in grades 6-12. 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 01-1128-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-EX6). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 07-1024-EX4: Approved the increase of the at capacity enrollments from 500 to 540 at the following campuses for the 2007 – 2008 school year: Calumet High School Campus, Calumet Middle School Campus, and Calumet School of Technology; the increase of the overall at capacity enrollment of the whole charter school by 120 students to 2,020 for the 2007 - 2008 school year; the establishment of two new campuses in the fall of 2008: the Math and Science Academy Campus at a location yet to be determined with an at capacity enrollment of 580 students and the Chicago Lawn Campus at a location yet to be determined with an at capacity enrollment of 600 students; and the increase of the overall at capacity enrollment of the whole charter school by 1,180 students to 3,200 for the 2008 - 2009 school year.
- Board Report 08-0326-EX7: Approved the identification of a site for the Perspectives Charter School-Math and Science Academy Campus at 3663 S. Wabash Avenue and the change in the start date of the Perspectives Charter School-Chicago Lawn Campus from 2008 to the fall of 2009.
- Board Report 08-0723-EX11: Approved the name change of the Perspectives Charter School - South Loop Campus to the Perspectives Charter School - Rodney D. Joslin Campus, the increase of the first year enrollment at the Perspectives Charter School - Math and Science Academy Campus by 27 students to 270, and the correction of grades served at the Perspectives - Calumet High School Campus to grades 9 - 12.

- Board Report 09-0225-EX11: Approved the change in grades at the Perspectives Charter School - Calumet Middle School Campus from 7 through 8 to 6 through 8 and the change in the start date of Perspectives Charter School-Chicago Lawn Campus from the fall of 2009 to a date to be determined.

The charter and Charter School Agreement were amended and restated to approve the following: the name change of the Perspectives Charter School- Calumet Middle School Campus to Perspectives Charter School - Middle Academy Campus, the name change of the Perspectives Charter School - Calumet School of Technology to Perspectives Charter School - High School of Technology, and the name change of the Perspectives Charter School - Calumet High School Campus to Perspectives Charter School - Leadership Academy (Board Report 10-0922-EX11).

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Perspectives Charter School submitted a renewal proposal on September 1, 2011, to continue the operation of the Perspectives Charter School under a unified mission to provide a college preparatory education focused on character development. In January 2012, Perspectives Charter School submitted a material modification to consolidate the Perspectives Charter School – Middle Academy Campus which serves grades 6 through 8 and the Perspectives Charter School – Leadership Academy which serves grades 9 through 12 into one campus. The charter school shall serve grades 6 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 2,600 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.

Establishment of the Chicago Lawn Campus and the corresponding change to enrollment are contingent upon any required public hearings, evidence of community support and Board approvals of the start date of the campus opening and proposed campus site as indicated by subsequent amendments to this Board Report.

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2012-2013 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
Rodney D. Joslin	1997	1930 S. Archer	6-12	380	400
Leadership Academy	2006	8131 S. May Street	6-12	924	1080
High School of Technology	2007	8131 S. May Street	9-12	546	540
Math and Science Academy	2008	3663 S. Wabash Avenue	6-12	580	580
Chicago Lawn	TBD	TBD	6-12	TBD	600

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Portfolio Office conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Perspective Charter School's performance and operations. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, facilities surveys, financial analysis, performance analysis and academic site visits of the High School of Technology, Math and Science Academy, and Rodney D. Joslin campuses in which teaching and learning, leadership and governance, and learning communities were assessed. A public hearing was conducted on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 to receive public comments on the application to renew the Charter School Agreement with Perspectives Charter School for an additional five years. From 2007-2008 to 2010-2011, Perspectives Charter School received 16 of 50 high ratings, 20 of 50 middle ratings, and 14 of 50 low ratings on the absolute student indicators found in the framework put forth in 2007 for assessing charter school pupil performance. From 2007-2008 to 2010-2011, Perspectives Charter School's student attendance averaged approximately 90.7%. In 2010-2011, approximately 19.9% of Perspectives Charter School students met or exceeded state standards on the

PSAE Composite, an increase of 2.1 percentage points from 2007-2008. In 2010-2011, the percentage of students meeting/exceeding state standards on the ISAT Composite was 75%, an increase of 14.6 percentage points from 2007-2008. In 2011, Perspectives Charter School was rated a Level 3 school at the high school level and a Level 3 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, Perspectives Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of Perspective 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 Perspectives Charter School.

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:

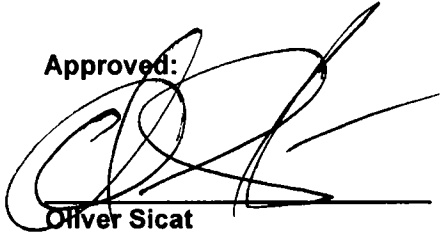
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary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



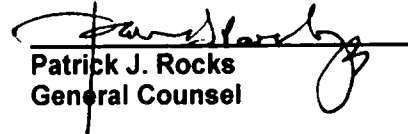
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