

**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL
AGREEMENT WITH INSTITUTE FOR LATINO PROGRESS, INC.,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with Institute for Latino Progress, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation for a five-year period. The Charter School Agreement is currently being 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 agreement is stated below.

SCHOOL OPERATOR: Institute for Latino Progress, Inc.,
2570 S. Blue Island Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60608
Phone: 773-890-0055
Contact Person: Juan Salgado, President and Chief Executive Officer

CHARTER SCHOOL: Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy Charter High School
Location 2570 S. Blue Island Avenue
Phone: 773-890-0055
Contact Person: Cynthia Nambo, Principal

OVERSIGHT: Portfolio Office
125 S. Clark Street, 10th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
773-553-1530
Contact Person: Carly Bolger, Executive Director, Office of New Schools and Programs

DESCRIPTION: The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-1 et seq., as amended) provides that the City of Chicago may authorize up to but no more than 5 charter schools devoted exclusively to re-enrolled high school dropouts and/or students 15 or 16 years old at risk of dropping out. Such charter schools may operate up to 15 campuses within the City of Chicago. Proposals to operate charter schools are submitted to the Board for evaluation pursuant to the standards set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27A-8, and the Board convenes a public meeting to obtain information to assist in its decision to grant or deny each proposal and report its action to the Illinois State Board of Education. The Illinois State Board of Education determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed contract satisfy the provisions of the Charter Schools Law and, if so, certifies the charter school.

CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL: The Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy Charter High School (Instituto Justice) proposal was submitted by Institute for Latino Progress, Inc., and received by the Board on August 22, 2011. Instituto Justice is envisioned as an educational community center emphasizing full integration and participation of faculty, students, staff, parents and partners in decisions that shape the school's existence. Students take responsibility for their learning process and as they learn the meaning of being healthy physically, emotionally, and socially, they make better life choices as citizens and activists, while conveying such knowledge to their families, peers, educators, employers and extended community. The first campus named the Rudy Lozano Campus is slated to open at full capacity in the fall of 2012 serving 165 students in grades 9 through 12 at 2570 S. Blue Island Avenue. A public hearing, as required by statute, was held on April 16, 2012.

In addition, Institute for Latino Progress, Inc. has requested authorization to open an additional campus in the fall of 2013 serving no more 165 students in grades 9 through 12. The approval to open the

additional campus in the fall of 2013 and the corresponding increase in enrollment are contingent upon Board approval, any required public hearings and an amendment to this Board Report approving the location of the campus.

TERM: The term of the Instituto Justice charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2012 and end June 30, 2017.

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, 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 Council is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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:

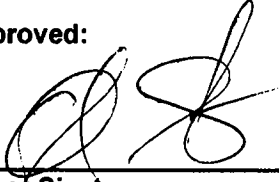
Inspector General - Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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, 2006 (96-0626-P03), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

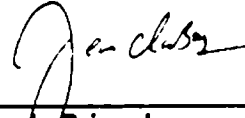
Ethics — The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved:



Oliver Sicat
Chief Portfolio Officer

Respectfully submitted:



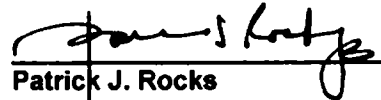
Jean Claude Brizard
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



David Watkins
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel