

**APPROVE CALL FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS  
FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH 2014 OPENINGS**

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

That the Board approve the Call for Quality Schools charter school proposals identified in Appendix A. The proposals in Appendix A were deferred items from the December 19, 2012 Board Meeting agenda, under Board Report 12-1219-EX3.

**DESCRIPTION:**

In accordance with Section 27A-8(c) of the Illinois Charter Schools Law, in June 2012 the Board made available the Call for Quality Schools to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools or providing turnaround services. School proposals were submitted on August 13, 2012. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Call for Quality Schools.

Public Hearings to review these school proposals were held on December 13, 2012 and January 18, 2013.

**CONTINGENT APPROVAL:**

Final authorization of any proposals approved herein is contingent upon the school operator meeting benchmarks identified by the Office of New Schools including, but not limited to, the identification of a school site. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school operators in a formal Letter of Conditions. Failure to meet these benchmarks according to the timeline designated in the Letter of Conditions may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

For the charter school proposals received under the 2012 Call for Quality Schools process, authorize the Executive Director of the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder.

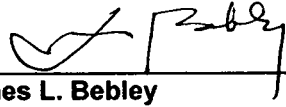
**Approved:**

  
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**Oliver Sicat**  
**Chief Portfolio Officer**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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**Barbara Byrd-Bennett**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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**James L. Bebley**  
**General Counsel**

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APPENDIX A: CALL FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS TO BE APPROVED

Name	Type	Grades	# of Schools	Expected Opening
Foundations	Charter	6-12	1	Sept 2014
Orange	Charter	K-8	1	Sept 2014