

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
NORTH LAWNDALE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School for an additional five-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 97-1217-EX2) was for a term commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2003 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 400 students in grades 9-12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2008 (authorized by Board Report 03-0225-EX04). The charter and Charter School Agreement were renewed for an additional five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2013 (authorized by Board Report 08-0227-EX27 as amended by Board Report 08-1119-EX6) and authorized an increase in the maximum student enrollment of the school to 1,100 as well as changes to the names of both campuses.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (North Lawndale College Prep) submitted a renewal proposal on September 4, 2012 to continue the operation of North Lawndale College Prep under a unified mission. The charter school shall serve grades 9 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 1,100 students.

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

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2012-2013 enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
Christiana Campus	1998	1615 S. Christiana	9 th -12 th	454	500
Collins Campus	2007	1313 S. Sacramento	9 th – 12 th	419	600

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools conducted a comprehensive evaluation of North Lawndale College Prep's performance and operations. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, facilities surveys, financial analysis, and academic site

visit of the high school in which student performance, teaching and learning, leadership and governance, and the learning communities were assessed. A public hearing was held on February 21, 2013 for all charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including North Lawndale College Prep. In addition to the foregoing, the Office of New Schools evaluated the school's student performance. From 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, the Christiana Campus received 17 out of 62 high ratings and 13 out of 62 middle ratings and the Collins Campus received 11 out of 37 high ratings and 9 out of 37 middle on the school absolute student indicators found in the framework put forth by the district for assessing charter school pupil performance. From 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, North Lawndale College Prep's student attendance averaged approximately 93.8% at Christiana and 93.3% at Collins. In 2011-2012, the percentage of students meeting/exceeding state standards on the PSAE Composite at Christiana was 24.2%, an increase of 13.9 percentage points from 2009-2010, and at Collins was 19.0%, an increase of 6.0% from 2009-2010. The committee recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, North Lawndale College Prep be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of North Lawndale College Prep's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018.

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 North Lawndale College Prep.

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 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 2014 fiscal year budgets. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 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 for Consideration:




Jack Eisey
Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

Approved:



Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



James Bebley
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