

February 26, 2014

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT
WITH THE HOPE SCHOOL, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the School Management and Performance Agreement with The Hope School, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of The Hope Institute Learning Academy. The School Management and Performance Agreement with The Hope School will be renewed for an additional 5-year period. A new School Management and Performance Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original School Management and Performance Agreement (07-1024-EX13) was for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014 and authorized the operation of a contract school serving no more than 500 students in grades K through 5. The contract school was designated as an alternative school pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. The School Management and Performance Agreement was subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 08-0625-EX7: Approved establishment of a low incidence pilot program by The Hope School at Chicago Vocational Career Academy (CVCA) for the 2008-2009 school year to serve students with moderate cognitive impairments or autism.
- Board Report 09-0128-EX3: Approved the location of the contract school at the CPS facility at 1628 W. Washington Boulevard. Also approved the change of the contract school's name to The Hope Institute Learning Academy and increased the first year at capacity enrollment of the contract school from 240 students to 250 students.
- Board Report 09-0722-EX11: Approved the establishment of a low incidence satellite program at CVCA from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and approved the Chief Specialized Services Office to execute any Satellite Agreement(s) without further Board Action.
- Board Report 11-0323-EX4: Approved payment to The Hope School for extended services provided at CVCA from July 1, 2010 through December 18, 2010 in the amount of \$259,772.61.

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: The Hope School submitted a renewal proposal on September 3, 2013, to continue the operation of The Hope Institute Learning Academy (Hope). The contract school shall serve grades K through 5 with a maximum enrollment of 500 students.

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

CONTRACT EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools within the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Hope's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial analysis, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on February 19, 2014 for all schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Hope. The committee recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, Hope be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the School Management and Performance Agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2014 and end June 30, 2019.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: No additional terms and conditions are included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with The Hope School.

COMPENSATION: The Hope School will continue to be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of Hope.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the school operator, in the written School Management and Performance Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written School Management and Performance Agreement.

LSC REVIEW: Approval of Local School Council is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY14 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school, The Hope School will continue to employ its own principal, teachers and staff.

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:



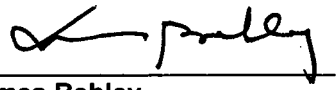
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Approved:



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Approved as to Legal Form: 



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