

AMEND BOARD REPORT 15-0624-EX6
AMEND BOARD REPORT 14-0122-EX7
AMEND BOARD REPORT 13-0522-EX104
AMEND BOARD REPORT 13-0424-EX7
AMEND BOARD REPORT 12-0328-EX9
AMEND BOARD REPORT 12-0125-EX3

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY CHARTER SCHOOL/KIPP CHICAGO SCHOOLS
(KIPP CHICAGO CHARTER SCHOOLS)**

THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with the Academy of Communications and Technology 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 the time specified in an amended Board Report approving the location of the school. 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.

The March 2012 amendment is necessary to identify 4837 W. Erie Street as the new location of the Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School. 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 amended Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This April 2013 amendment is necessary to (a) change the charter school name from Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School to KIPP Chicago Charter Schools, (b) correct the existing address for the charter school which is located at the Nash Annex from 4837 W. Erie to 4818 W. Ohio, (c) authorize the original charter campus at 4818 W. Ohio to be named the KIPP Create Campus, and (d) change the existing name of the charter school operator to KIPP Chicago Schools as a result of the proposed merger of two charter school operators, Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School and KIPP Chicago Schools, into one charter school operator to be named KIPP Chicago Schools. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This April 2013 amendment is also necessary to (e) establish one new elementary campus in the fall of 2013 at a location to be determined with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 360 to 720 students in the fall of 2013 and (f) establish one new elementary campus in the fall of 2014 at a location to be determined with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 540 to 1,260 students in the fall of 2014. Establishment of the additional campuses and the corresponding changes to enrollment are contingent upon any required public hearings, evidence of community support and Board approval of the locations of the campuses. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event written amendments to the Charter School Agreement are not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within the timeframe specified in the amended Board Reports identifying and approving the sites of the proposed campuses. The amended agreements authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This May 2013 amendment is necessary to authorize KIPP Schools to identify the CPS facility at 5515 South Lowe as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Bloom Campus. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This January 2014 amendment is necessary to authorize KIPP Chicago Schools to (a) identify the CPS facility at 1440 South Christiana as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - Elementary School Campus and (b) change the name of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - Elementary School Campus to the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Ascend Primary Campus. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This June 2015 amendment is necessary to (a) approve the transfer of KIPP Ascend Charter School as a campus of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools (Board Report 15-0624-EX5), to be named the KIPP Ascend Campus, and which will continue to operate in the CPS facility at 1616 South Avers Avenue beginning in the fall of 2015, and (b) approve the corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools by 270 to 1,530 students.

This June 2015 amendment is also necessary to approve a change in the current grade structure at KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Ascend Primary Campus from K-4 to K-5 with a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Ascend Primary Campus by 139 to 1,669 students beginning in the fall of 2015. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report.

This October 2015 amendment is necessary to approve the proposal to establish one new elementary school campus, KIPP #5 Campus, to open in the fall of 2016 and serve an at capacity enrollment of 1,035 students, thus increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 1,669 to 2,704 in the fall of 2016. KIPP Chicago Schools proposed to open KIPP #5 Campus at a location to be determined in the Humboldt Park community. Any co-location in a CPS facility is subject to 105 ILCS 5/34-200 et seq. and requires Board approval.

This October 2015 amendment is also necessary to approve the proposal to expand the grade structure at the KIPP Create Campus to serve primary grades (K-4). KIPP Create Campus will continue to locate temporarily in its existing facility at 4818 W. Ohio until the campus relocates to a permanent location yet to be determined in the Austin community. With the proposed expansion from 360 to 935 students at the KIPP Create Campus, the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school increases by 575 to 3,279 in the fall of 2016. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within the timeframe specified in an amended Board Report identifying and approving the site locations for the proposed campuses.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-0122-EX4) with the Academy of Communications and Technology (ACT) Charter School was for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 2002. In 2002, the charter and Charter School Agreement were renewed (authorized by Board Report 02-0123-EX3) for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2004. In 2004, the charter and Charter School Agreement were renewed (authorized by Board Report 04-0428-EX3) for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2007. The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed (authorized by Board Report 07-0328-EX2) for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. The Charter School Agreement authorized the operation of a single facility charter school focusing on communications and technology for students in grades 7-12 with enrollment not to exceed 450 students. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 07-0822-EX9: Approved a change of the address of the charter school to 2908 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60612 for the 2007 – 2008 school year only.
- Board Report 08-0827-EX6: Approved a relocation of the charter school to its original location at 4319 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60624.
- Board Report 09-0527-EX3: Approved the addition of a sixth grade to the current grade structure at the charter school for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Board Report 10-0127-EX3: Approved ACT Charter School's request to not add a sixth grade to the current grade structure at the charter school for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Board Report 10-0526-EX4: Approved ACT Charter School's request to voluntarily suspend its educational services after the 2009-2010 school year for a period of no more than 2 years. To remove suspension of charter status, ACT Charter School was required to notify the Office of New Schools of its intent to reinstate educational services by submitting a proposal that outlined the educational, financial and operational practices of the charter school. The proposal had to be submitted in accordance with the timelines established by the Office of New Schools through the new schools selection process or within six months of the anticipated date of reinstatement of educational services by the charter school. This proposal required Board approval prior to the reinstatement of educational services at ACT Charter School.
- Board Report 12-0328-EX9: Approved 4837 W. Erie Street as the new location of the Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: The ACT Charter School submitted a material modification and renewal proposal on November 2, 2011, to reinstate the operation of the ACT Charter School under a mission to provide a college-preparatory education to urban youth empowering them to take their place in society as competent, confident, creative and compassionate citizens of the world. This renewal proposal requests to enter into a new five-year charter agreement and to change the grades served from grades 7-12 to grades 5-8 and to allow KIPP Chicago to manage the operations of the school starting in the fall of 2012. The ACT Charter School will resume services in the fall of 2012, serving 90 students in grade 5.

The school will add a grade each year until reaching full capacity in the 2015-2016 school year, serving a maximum of 360 students in grades 5-8.

ACT Charter School entered into a multi-year educational management agreement with KIPP Chicago to provide comprehensive school management services at the charter school beginning in the fall of 2012.

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

In February 2012, the Board proposed a new location for ACT Charter School. ACT Charter School shall be located at 4837 W. Erie Street beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. A public hearing for the proposed location was held on Thursday, March 15, 2012. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

This site will require that the ACT Charter School share its facility with the Henry H. Nash Elementary School. The two schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1.

In February 2013, ACT submitted a proposal to (a) change the charter school name from Academy of Communications Charter School to KIPP Chicago Charter Schools, (b) correct the existing address for the charter school which is located at the Nash Annex from 4837 W. Erie to 4818 W. Ohio, (c) authorize the original charter campus at 4818 W. Ohio to be named the KIPP Create Campus, and (d) change the existing name of the school operator from Academy of Communications and Technology Charter to KIPP Chicago Schools. The governing boards of Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School and KIPP Chicago Schools will merge to become one charter school operator to be named KIPP Chicago Schools.

The elementary school campus named KIPP Bloom Campus is also expected to open in the fall of 2013 at a facility to be determined, serving 90 students in grade 5. In successive years, that campus will add one grade per year until reaching an at capacity enrollment of 360 students in grades 5 through 8. The overall at capacity enrollment of the whole charter school will increase by 360 to 720 students for the fall of 2013. An elementary campus is expected to open in the fall of 2014 at a facility to be determined, serving 150 students in grade K. In successive years, that campus will add one grade per year until reaching an at capacity enrollment of 540 students in grades K through 4. The overall at capacity enrollment of the whole charter school will increase by 540 to 1,260 students for the fall of 2014. A public hearing on the proposed changes was held on April 15, 2013. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In March 2013, the CEO recommended to the Board that the CPS facility at 5515 South Lowe be identified as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – KIPP Bloom Campus that is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. This site will require that the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Bloom Campus share its facility with Hope College Preparatory High School. The two schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1.

A public hearing on the proposed co-location was held on May 7, 2013 at Board Chambers, 125 South Clark, 5th floor. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In January 2014, the Office of New Schools recommended that KIPP Chicago Schools identify the CPS facility at 1440 South Christiana as the location of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - Elementary School Campus. Also KIPP Chicago Schools requested to change the name of the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - Elementary School Campus to the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Ascend Primary Campus.

This site will require that the KIPP Chicago Charter Schools – KIPP Ascend Primary Campus share its facility with KIPP Ascend Charter School. The two schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1.

A public hearing on the proposed location and campus name change will be held on January 21, 2014 at Board Chambers, 125 South Clark St., 5th floor. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In February 2015, KIPP Chicago Schools submitted a material modification to (a) transfer KIPP Ascend Charter School as a campus of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools (Board Report 15-0624-EX5), to be named the KIPP Ascend Campus, and which will continue to operate in the CPS facility at 1616 South Avers Avenue beginning in the fall of 2015, and (b) make a corresponding increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of KIPP Chicago Charter Schools by 409 to 1,669 students beginning in the fall of 2015. The KIPP Ascend Campus will serve grades 6 through 8 with an at capacity enrollment of 270 students.

In February 2015, KIPP Chicago Schools also submitted a material modification to change the current grade structure at KIPP Chicago Charter Schools - KIPP Ascend Primary Campus from K-4 to K-5 . This campus will have an at capacity enrollment of 679 students, thereby increasing the overall at capacity of the charter school to 1,669 students beginning in the fall of 2015.

Public hearings on the proposed changes were held on May 21, 2015 and June 18, 2015. The hearings were recorded and summary reports are available for review.

On August 10, 2015, KIPP Chicago Schools submitted a proposal in response to the Request for Proposals issued by the Board in December 2014. KIPP Chicago Schools proposed to establish a new elementary school campus, KIPP #5 Campus, to open in the fall of 2016 and serve 115 students in grade 5. In successive years, the campus will grow two grades at a time, until reaching an at capacity of 1,035 in grades K-8, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 2,704 in the fall of 2016. KIPP Chicago Schools proposed to open KIPP #5 Campus at a location to be determined in the Humboldt Park community. Any co-location in a CPS facility is subject to 105 ILCS 5/34-200 et seq. and requires Board approval.

In addition, KIPP Chicago Schools proposed to expand the grade structure at KIPP Create Campus to serve primary grades (K-4). KIPP Create Campus will continue to locate temporarily in its existing facility at 4818 W. Ohio until the campus relocates to a permanent location yet to be determined in the Austin community. The campus will add a Kindergarten grade with 115 students in the fall of 2016. In successive years, the campus will grow one grade at a time until reaching an at capacity enrollment of 935 in grades K-8. The addition of grades K-4 expands the KIPP Create Campus from 360 to 935 students, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 3,279 in the fall of 2016.

A public hearing on the proposed campus and the expansion of grades at KIPP Create Campus was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2012-13 enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
KIPP Create	2012	4818 West Ohio	<u>K-5</u> – 8	81	<u>360-935</u>
KIPP Bloom	2013	5515 South Lowe	5 – 8	90 (in 2013-2014)	360
KIPP Ascend Primary	2014	1440 South Christiana	K – <u>45</u>	150 (in 2014-2015)	679
KIPP Ascend	2015 (transferred)	1616 South Avers	6 - 8	N/A	270
<u>KIPP #5</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>K-8</u>	<u>115 (in 2016-2017)</u>	<u>1035</u>

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: Final approval of the proposal to open KIPP #5 Campus and expand the grades served by KIPP Create Campus is contingent upon KIPP Chicago Schools submitting information regarding parent and community engagement and the facilities plans. The specifics regarding these contingencies and the timeline for submission of materials will be communicated by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to KIPP Chicago Schools in a formal Letter of Conditions. The Board hereby directs the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to monitor the deadlines set forth in the Letter of Conditions, oversee the evaluation of the submission by KIPP Chicago Schools, and provide a written report regarding compliance with the Letter of Conditions to the Board by March 1, 2016. Thereafter, information on the facilities plans will be re-presented to the Board for a determination regarding whether the contingencies related to the facilities have been satisfied. Failure to meet this contingency according to the terms set forth in the Letter of Conditions may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein.

CHARTER EVALUATION: In May 2011, the Charter School Agreement was amended to voluntarily suspend the charter and the agreement effective June 30, 2010 for a period of no more than two years (10-0526-EX4). In accordance with that amendment, ACT Charter School was required to submit a proposal outlining the educational, financial, and operational practices to be put in place in order to reinstate the charter and agreement in accordance with the timelines established by the Office of New Schools through the new schools selection process or within six months prior to the resumption of educational services. On November 2, 2011, ACT Charter School submitted a proposal to enter into an agreement with KIPP Chicago to manage the operations of the school starting in the fall of 2012. The Portfolio Office reviewed the plans included in the proposal to improve the academic performance and operations of the ACT Charter School. A public hearing was conducted on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 to receive public comment on the application to renew the Charter School Agreement with ACT Charter School for an additional five years.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of ACT Charter School's charter and agreement is being extended, subject to resolving outstanding issues including finalization of a facility to house the school, for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending 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 and amendment. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement and amendment. Authorize the Senior 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 ~~2015-2016-2017~~ fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY15~~6~~ 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.

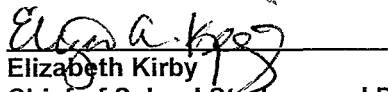
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

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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.

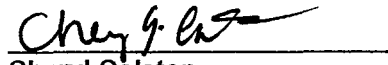
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