

**DENY PROPOSAL FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOL SUBMITTED BY CONNECTED FUTURES
ACADEMIES, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
(CAMPUS #1)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board deny the proposal submitted by Connected Futures Academies to open Campus #1 in the fall of 2016.

DESCRIPTION:

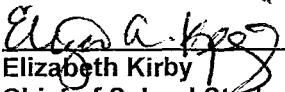
In accordance with Section 27A-8(c) of the Illinois Charter Schools Law, in December 2014 the Board made available the 2014-15 Request for Education Options Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit responses from parties interested in opening new or expanding existing charter schools to serve an "alternative" student population. Section 27A-4(b) of Illinois Charter School Law allows for up to five charter schools devoted exclusively to serving re-enrolled high school dropouts and/or students 15 or 16 years old at risk of dropping out. The Connected Futures Academies submitted a charter school proposal to operate five campuses in accordance with Section 27A-4(b) of Illinois Charter Schools Law. The proposal to open Campus #1 was received by the Board in two tiers: a Tier 1 proposal was due in April 2015, and a Tier 2 proposal completed the proposal in accordance with the Charter Schools Law in August 2015. The proposal was evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the RFP.

A Public Hearing to receive public comment on this proposed school was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the Chief of School Strategy and Planning to submit a final report on the denial to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois State Charter School Commission, and notify the applicant of its right to appeal the decision to the Illinois State Charter School Commission.

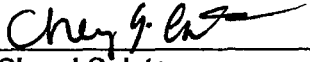
Approved for Consideration:


Elizabeth Kirby
Chief of School Strategy and Planning

Approved:


Forrest Claypool
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


Cheryl Colston
Acting General Counsel