

April 27, 2016

AMEND BOARD REPORT 15-0527-EX28
AMEND BOARD REPORT 14-0924-EX3
AMEND BOARD REPORT 14-0528 EX14
AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXCEL ACADEMY OF WOODLAWN (NOW KNOWN AS EXCEL ACADEMY OF SOUTH SHORE) AND ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH CAMELOT ALT ED-ILLINOIS, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the establishment of Excel Academy of Woodlawn at 6145 South Ingleside, and approve entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, for the operation of Excel Academy of Woodlawn. A written School Management and Performance Agreement is currently being 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 matter is stated below.

This September 2014 amendment is necessary to temporarily change the location of Excel Academy of Woodlawn from 6145 S. Ingleside to the CPS facility at 7530 S. South Shore Drive for the 2014-2015 school year. 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 amended Board Report.

This May 2015 amendment is necessary to approve an extension for Excel Academy of Woodlawn to continue temporarily occupying the CPS facility at 7530 S. South Shore Drive (the "Powell Facility") for the 2015-2016 school year. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report.

This April 2016 amendment is necessary to (a) change the name of the Excel Academy of Woodlawn to Excel Academy of South Shore and (b) approve the permanent location of the contract school at the CPS Powell Facility at 7530 S. South Shore Drive beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report.

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DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-1.1, 105 ILCS 5/34-18(30) and the contingent authority granted by the Board on June 26, 2013 in Board Report 13-0626-EX3, Excel Academy of Woodlawn will open in the fall of 2014 as a Contract School located at 6145 South Ingleside Avenue. The Board hereby designates the Excel Academy of Woodlawn as a Contract School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

As of late September 2014, the location of Excel Academy of Woodlawn shall be changed temporarily from 6145 S. Ingleside to 7530 S. South Shore Drive for the 2014-2015 school year.

In February 2015, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC submitted a material modification to continue operating the Excel Academy of Woodlawn temporarily at the CPS facility at 7530 S. South Shore Drive for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Chief Innovation and Incubation Officer is requiring Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC to, by no later than June 30, 2015, provide an interim ADA Programmatic Access Plan, which must be implemented and adhered to by no later than September 8, 2015.

If by June 30, 2015, Camelot and CPS agree that this school will remain at the Powell Facility for the remaining term of the agreement (which shall require Board approval and a subsequent amendment); Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois must provide a long-term ADA plan, which should include the installation plan for an elevator. The long-term ADA plan and installation of the elevator at this facility must be fully executed by no later than the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The plan and execution of the ADA improvements will be funded by Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC.

In January 2016, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC submitted an application to request (a) a change in the name of the Excel Academy of Woodlawn to Excel Academy of South Shore and (b) approval to permanently locate the contract school at the CPS Powell Facility at 7530 S. South Shore Drive beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC has provided a long-term ADA plan, which includes the installation plan for an elevator at this facility which must be fully completed by the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The execution of the ADA improvements will be funded by Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of Excel Academy of Woodlawn as a Contract School at 6145 South Ingleside Avenue was held on May 20, 2014 in the Board Chambers. The hearing was recorded and a summary report of the hearing is available for review.

A public hearing on the proposed temporary change of location to 7530 S. South Shore Drive will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

A public hearing on the proposed extension of the temporary location of the school at 7530 S. South Shore Drive was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

A public hearing on the proposed changes was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In January 2013, the CEO made available the Request for Proposals for Alternative Options ("RFP") to solicit responses from parties interested in starting or expanding schools or programs to serve out-of-school youth or students at-risk of academic failure. The Excel Academy of Woodlawn proposal was submitted by Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC in response to that RFP. The proposal was evaluated using the criteria pursuant to the Framework for Evaluation set forth in the RFP and on June 26, 2013, the Board provided contingent approval of the proposal (Board Report 13-0626-EX3) upon the school operator meeting the benchmark identified by the Office of Innovation and Incubation

which was the identification of a school site. The CEO determined that Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC met that contingency.

Enrollment: Excel Academy of Woodlawn will be a citywide school that will enroll students in grades 9-12 who are having challenges in the normal school setting or who may have dropped out of school or are at-risk of dropping out. Students will be admitted on an ongoing basis provided that seats are available. If there are more applicants than seats available, applicants will be placed on a waiting list and a random student admissions lottery will be conducted on a quarterly basis. Excel Academy of Woodlawn will accept enrollment for up to 250 students who will be recruited by the school for placement with the assent of the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

Curriculum: Excel Academy of Woodlawn will provide an alternative education program focused on youth who are at-risk or have dropped out of a traditional school. The program shall be designed to prepare students for graduation from high school and provide a post-secondary path. Excel Academy of Woodlawn will issue diplomas to students who successfully complete the program in accordance with state and CPS requirements.

Advisory Body: A school advisory body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b in the following manner: the CEO or her designee in consultation with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC shall develop the composition and duties of the advisory body for approval by the Board. Such requirements shall be included in the agreement with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC. The members of the advisory body will be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the CEO or her designee.

School Management Description: At a minimum, the School Management and Performance Agreement will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school and shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the school operator including, but not limited to, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with Board policy, contract schools may request exemptions from Board Rules and Policies or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval.

Term: The term of the School Management and Performance Agreement shall commence July 1, 2014 and end June 30, 2019. Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC and the Excel Academy of Woodlawn's designation as a Contract School will expire on June 30, 2019 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

COMPENSATION: Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC will be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the Excel Academy of Woodlawn.

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 and amendment. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written School Management and Performance Agreement and amendment. Authorize the Chief Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation Officer to execute any documents related to the disbursement of the one-time incubation and startup funds for the Excel Academy of Woodlawn.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

INCUBATION: Upon the final approval of this contract school proposal and the submission of an Incubation Budget Plan by Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC, the Board will disburse an amount not to exceed \$160,000 in incubation funding for the Excel Academy of Woodlawn. The use of the funding will be outlined by the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

STARTUP FUNDING: Upon the execution of the School Management and Performance Agreement with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC, the Board will disburse an amount not to exceed \$502,579 in startup funding

for the Excel Academy of Woodlawn. The use of the funding will be outlined by the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 201516-201617 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY4516 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school, Excel Academy of Woodlawn will 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, 2006 (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:



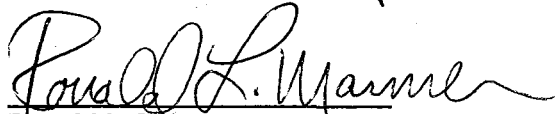
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