

April 27, 2016

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES WEST CAREER ACADEMY
AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Community Service West Career Academy Agreement (the "Contract School Agreement") with conditions for an additional three-year period. A new Contract School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Contract School 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.

SCHOOL OPERATOR/ Community Services West Career Academy, an IL not-for-profit corporation
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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Contract School Agreement (authorized by 07-1114-EX3) was for a term commencing September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2013 and authorized the operation of an alternative contract school serving youth 16 to 21 years of age in grades 11 and 12 at a maximum enrollment of 200 students pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-18(30), as amended. The contract school was designated as an Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. The Contract School Agreement was subsequently renewed for a term commencing September 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016 (authorized by Board Report 13-0227-EX13). The Contract School Agreement was subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 15-0128-EX2: Approved the assignment and assumption of the Contract School Agreement with Community Services West to Community Services West Career Academy, and the change in location of the contract school from 1239 S. Pulaski Road to the independent facility at 180 N. Wabash, Suite 800, beginning in the fall of 2015.

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Community Services West Career Academy (CSWCA) submitted a renewal proposal on October 19, 2015, to continue the operation of CSWCA, a career preparatory academy with a special focus on culinary arts. The contract school shall continue to be designated as an Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and to serve youth 16 to 21 years of age in grades 11 and 12 with a maximum enrollment of 200 students. The contract school shall continue to be located at 180 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 800.

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 SCHOOL EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of CSWCA's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documents. A public hearing was held on April 19, 2016 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including CSWCA. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability

criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, CSWCA be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the Contract School Agreement is being extended for three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: CSWCA's agreement shall be recommended for renewal with the following conditions to be included in the agreement:

- On or before July 15, 2016, the school must submit evidence to the Office of Innovation and Incubation (I&I) of revised admissions/enrollment forms consistent with CPS requirements.
- On or before July 15, 2016, the school must submit evidence to I&I of a revised transportation policy that remains in compliance with state guidelines.
- On or before July 15, 2016, the school must provide evidence to I&I affirming that:
 - its board's membership complies with its adopted by-laws and is free of persons employed by the school;
 - all board members have completed Attorney General Open Meetings Act (OMA) training;
 - all Board members have completed Attorney General Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training; and
 - its board has adopted compliant policies regarding conflict of interest, board meeting attendance, and closed meeting procedures.
- On or before July 15, 2016, and thereafter every July 1, the school must submit to I&I evidence to demonstrate financial viability including, but not limited to:
 - an annual budget or the upcoming fiscal year, and
 - a performance and payment bond filed with the Board using a responsible surety company that meets the surety qualification requirements of the Board.
- On or before June 1, 2017, and thereafter every June 1, the school must show evidence to I&I that it is and shall remain in compliance with CPS Diverse Learner expectations of timely completion of evaluations/IEPs and RSP service documentation as measured by the Board's Office of Diverse Learner and Support Services.
- On or before October 1, 2017, the school must demonstrate to I&I full resolution of facility and ADA issues.

COMPENSATION: CSWCA will continue to be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the contract school.

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

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 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 FY16 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

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

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

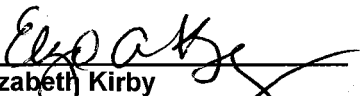
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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.

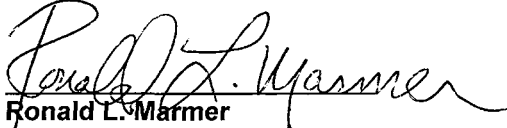
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