

July 26, 2017

**AUTHORIZE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION REDESIGN PARTICIPATION BY VARIOUS CHARTER AND CONTRACT SCHOOLS AND CORRESPONDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VARIOUS CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize (i) participation of various charter and contract high schools listed in Exhibit A in the High School Application Redesign to allow the district to develop 9<sup>th</sup> grade offer numbers at their schools based on procedures that are comparable to non-selective enrollment high schools in the district; and (b) corresponding Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the charter high schools to delegate authority to the Board to conduct the High School Application Redesign on behalf of the charter schools listed in Exhibit A and to allow for extending offers as set forth above. Additional charter schools may elect to participate and execute the MOU without further Board approval. This Board Report authorizes the amendment of the existing agreements for the charter schools and contract schools listed in Exhibit A, however written amendments are not required. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

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**PARTICIPATING CHARTER AND CONTRACT SCHOOLS:** See attached Exhibit A.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") desires to develop a common online, mobile-friendly application platform for all public high schools and CPS programs throughout Chicago including charter schools and contract schools ("High School Application Redesign" or "HS Application Redesign"). The key benefits to having a single, common high school application would be to (a) simplify the process for families and increase equality of access; (b) provide more transparent admissions decisions and offers; (c) know students' school decisions earlier which enables having the right resources in the right schools on day one; and (d) provide additional data on students' preferences to inform strategy and planning for the district. The application and transfer processes for the HS Application Redesign shall be centralized at the CPS Office of Access and Enrollment for all district operated schools, contract schools, and charter schools that opt-in to the HS Application Redesign.

The Board desires to enter into a MOU for the HS Application Redesign with the charter high schools that have opted into the CPS launch phase and application period of the HS Application Redesign for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students entering high schools in the Fall of 2018 by amending their existing school agreements to delegate authority to the Board to conduct the application process and the lottery, if necessary, on behalf of the charter schools.

To achieve the objectives of (i) giving applicants their highest possible choice in light of applicant movement between the time when offers are extended and the start of the new school year and (ii) ensuring accurate school financial management in light of annual student attrition, the district shall be allowed to develop 9<sup>th</sup> grade offer numbers at contract and charter high schools listed in Exhibit A based on procedures that are comparable to non-selective enrollment high schools in the district.

When there are more 9<sup>th</sup> grade students accepted through the HS Application Redesign and enrolled in the high schools listed in Exhibit A by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the CPS semester up to a maximum of 10% above and beyond the maximum student enrollment number in such schools' agreements ("Additional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students"), the Board desires to make payments to those schools for such Additional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Under the MOU, the district shall be allowed to develop 9<sup>th</sup> grade offer numbers at the charter schools listed in Exhibit A based on procedures that are comparable to non-selective enrollment high schools in the district. This authorization is contingent on charter high schools each opting into the High School Application Redesign.

Charter high schools that have signed on to High School Application Redesign are agreeing to comply with the updated CPS enrollment and transfer processes as documented in the Board's Policy on Enrollment and Transfer of Students in the Chicago Public Schools adopted April 26, 2017 (17-0426-PO1), as may be amended, and the Board's Admissions Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment and other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs adopted April 26, 2017 (17-0426-PO1), as may be amended.

**TERM OF MOU:** The MOU shall commence on July 27, 2017 and shall end on December 31, 2018.

**EXISTING CHARTER AND CONTRACT SCHOOLS' AGREEMENTS:** This Board Report authorizes the amendment of the existing agreements for the charter schools and contract schools listed in Exhibit A as set forth below, effective as of July 27, 2017; however, written amendments are not required:

a. Amend Section 4.d. or 5.d., in particular the Enrollment and Application Process/Lottery subsections, of their existing Charter School Agreements to delegate authority to the Board to conduct the high school application process and the high school lottery, if necessary, on behalf of the charter schools and to allow the district to develop 9<sup>th</sup> grade offer numbers at the charter high schools listed in Exhibit A based on procedures that are comparable to non-selective enrollment high schools in the district.

b. Amend Section 4.d, Enrollment, and Exhibit A-II.B., Student Population, of their existing Contract School Agreements to allow the district to develop 9<sup>th</sup> grade offer numbers at the contract high schools listed in Exhibit A based on procedures that are comparable to non-selective enrollment high schools in the district.

**COMPENSATION:** Payments are authorized (per-pupil funding and all other necessary local, state and federal government funding) for Additional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students under those schools' existing Charter School Agreements and Contract School Agreements in the event there are more 9th grade students accepted through the HS Application Redesign and enrolled in the schools listed in Exhibit A by the 20th day of the CPS semester up to a maximum of 10% above and beyond the maximum student enrollment number in such schools' agreement ("Additional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students"). In the event the Board provides district-run high schools with additional funds to offset 9th grade enrollment declines attributable solely to the availability and performance of the HS Application Redesign, the Board shall provide additional funds in the same manner to charter and contract high schools listed in Exhibit A that experience 9th grade enrollment declines that can be attributed solely to the availability and performance of the HS Application Redesign.

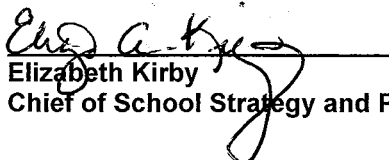
**AUTHORIZATION:** The Board's President and Secretary are authorized to execute the written Memorandum of Understanding for the High School Application Redesign with the charter high schools listed in Exhibit A. Additional charter schools may participate in the HS Application Redesign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding without amendment of this Resolution. The Board's General Counsel is authorized to include other relevant terms and conditions in the Memorandum of Understanding, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter high schools. The Board's President and Secretary are authorized to sign any amendments to the charter and contract school agreements in connection with the HS Application Redesign, subject to approval as to legal form by the Board's General Counsel. The Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation is authorized to sign any ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the HS Application Redesign, including those required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

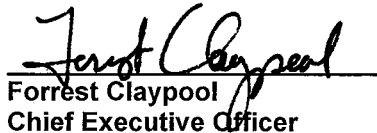
**LSC REVIEW:** Approval of Local School Councils is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY19 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

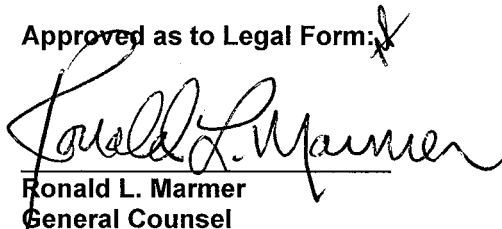
**Approved for Consideration:**

**Approved:**

  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Chief of School Strategy and Planning

  
Forrest Claypool  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
Ronald L. Marmer  
General Counsel

## EXHIBIT A

**PARTICIPATING CHARTER & CONTRACT HIGH SCHOOLS**

1. Architecture, Construction and Engineering  
(ACE) Technical Charter School  
5410 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60609  
Phone: (773) 548-8705  
Contact: Joan Archie  
School Type: Charter
2. ASPIRA Charter School  
c/o ASPIRA Inc. of Illinois  
2415 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60647  
Phone: (773) 252-0970  
Contact Person: Fernando Grillo  
School Type: Charter
3. Catalyst Charter School – Maria  
c/o Catalyst Schools  
6727 S. California Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60629  
Phone: (773) 295-7001  
Contact Person: Gordon Hannon  
School Type: Charter
4. Chicago Collegiate Charter School  
c/o Chicago Collegiate, Inc.  
2521 W. North Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60647  
Phone: (312) 206-5349  
Contact Person: Beth Carrera Napleton  
School Type: Charter
5. Chicago High School for the Arts  
2714 W. Augusta Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60622  
Phone: (773) 534-9710  
Contact Person: Jose Ochoa  
School Type: Contract
6. Chicago International Charter School  
c/o Chicago Charter School Foundation  
11 E. Adams Street, Suite 600  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: (312) 651-5000  
Contact Person: Elizabeth Shaw  
School Type: Charter
7. Chicago Tech Academy High School  
c/o Chicago Tech Academy  
3411 W. Diversey Avenue, Suite 10  
Chicago, IL 60647  
Phone: (773) 278-5418, ext. 15  
Contact Person: Lance Russell  
School Type: Contract
8. Chicago Math and Science Academy  
Charter School  
7212 N. Clark  
Chicago, IL 60626  
Phone: (773) 761-8960  
Contact Person: Ali Kuran  
School Type: Charter
9. Chicago Virtual Charter School  
38 S. Peoria Street  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Phone: (312) 267-4486  
Contact Person: Richard Lebron  
School Type: Charter
10. EPIC Academy Charter High School  
c/o EPIC Academy, Inc.  
8255 S. Houston Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60617  
Phone: (773) 535- 7930  
Contact Person: Myetie Hamilton  
School Type: Charter
11. Foundations College Preparatory Charter  
School  
c/o Foundations College Preparatory School  
1233 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Place  
Chicago, IL 60643  
Phone: (773) 413-8193  
Contact Person: Micki O'Neil  
School Type: Charter
12. Horizon Science Academy – Southwest  
Chicago Charter School  
c/o Concept Schools NFP  
2250 E. Devon Avenue, Suite 215  
Des Plaines, IL. 60018  
Phone: (224) 678-5547  
Contact Person: Salim Ucan  
School Type: Charter

13. Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy  
Charter High School  
c/o Institute for Latino Progress, Inc.  
2570 S. Blue Island Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60608  
Phone: (773) 890-0055  
Contact Person: Alejandra Garza  
School Type: Charter
14. Intrinsic Charter School  
c/o Intrinsic Schools  
4540 W. Belmont Ave  
Chicago, IL 60641  
Phone: (708) 887-2737  
Contact Person: Melissa Zaikos  
School Type: Charter
15. Legal Prep Charter Academy  
c/o Legal Prep Charter Academies, Inc.  
4319 W. Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60624  
Phone: (773) 922-7800  
Contact Person: Samuel Finklestein  
School Type: Charter
16. Noble Street Charter School  
c/o Noble Network of Charter Schools  
1010 N. Noble Street  
Chicago, IL 60622  
Phone: (773) 862-1449  
Contact Person: Michael Milkie  
School Type: Charter
17. North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter  
High School  
1615 S. Christiana  
Chicago, IL 60623  
Phone: (773) 542-1490  
Contact Person: Garland L. Thomas-  
McDavid  
School Type: Charter
18. Perspectives Charter School  
1530 S. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Phone: (312) 604-2123  
Contact Person: Rhonda Hopps  
School Type: Charter
19. University of Chicago Charter School  
c/o University of Chicago Charter School  
Corporation  
1313 E. 60th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637  
Phone: (773) 702-5693  
Contact Person: Sara Ray Stoelinga  
School Type: Charter
20. UNO Charter School Network  
209 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Phone: (312) 637-3900  
Contact Person: Helena Stangle  
School Type: Charter
21. Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young  
Men High School – Bronzeville Campus  
c/o Urban Prep Academies  
420 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: (312) 276-0259  
Contact Person: Tim King  
School Type: Charter
22. Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young  
Men High School – Englewood Campus  
c/o Urban Prep Academies  
420 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone (312) 276-0259  
Contact Person: Tim King  
School Type: Charter
23. Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young  
Men High School – West Campus  
c/o Urban Prep Academies  
420 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone (312) 276-0259  
Contact Person: Tim King  
School Type: Charter
24. Young Women's Leadership Charter School  
2641 S. Calumet Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone (312) 949-9400  
Contact Person: Vanesa Scott-Thompson  
School Type: Charter