

June 27, 2018

**APPROVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY, ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY AND TRUMAN COLLEGE FOR COURSEWORK LEADING TO ESL AND/OR BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS**

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

Approve tuition payments to Northeastern Illinois University, Dominican University, National Louis University, Roosevelt University and Truman College for ESL and bilingual coursework at a cost not to exceed \$600,000 in twenty-four (24) months for all participating universities. Northeastern IL University, Dominican University, National Louis University, Roosevelt University and Truman College are four universities and 1 college participating in this program that were selected based on the quality of the coursework described in their proposals and the cost effectiveness of the partnerships. Each university/college is giving a discount with the remainder split between the Board of Education and the university/college provider. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

**UNIVERSITY:** Northeastern Illinois University 2  
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60625  
Phone: 773-773-7330  
Vendor#: 29483

**UNIVERSITY:** Dominican University  
7900 W. Division  
River Forest, IL 60305  
Phone: 708-524-6770  
Vendor#: 45322

**UNIVERSITY:** National Louis University  
5202 Old Orchard Road, Suite 300  
Skokie, IL 60677  
Phone: 847-947-5580  
Vendor#: 48030

**UNIVERSITY:** Roosevelt University  
400 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Phone: 312-341-3500  
Vendor#: 26375

**COLLEGE:** Harry S Truman College  
1145 W. Wilson Ave  
Chicago, IL 60640  
Phone: 773-907-4000  
Vendor#: 75072

**USER:** Office of Language and Cultural  
Education (OLCE)  
42 W. Madison St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Chicago, IL 60602  
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**PAYMENT PERIOD:** Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Payments cover a fraction of tuition for authorized CPS teachers enrolled in courses at participating universities under the ESL/Bilingual Endorsement Initiative. The ESL/Bilingual Endorsement Initiative provides an opportunity for CPS teachers to pursue an ESL or bilingual endorsement so that English Language Learners (ELs) in CPS are taught by qualified educators who are able to meet their unique need. Providing an opportunity, for teachers, to earn an ESL or bilingual endorsement is critical to ensuring that all CPS students receive appropriate support and have access to high quality, rigorous education. This initiative is essential for the district to meet state and federal regulations regarding the education of English Learners. It is OLCE's vision that every EL student in CPS is taught by an appropriately licensed and endorsed teacher. Offering cohorts of teachers the opportunity to engage in the coursework together, to collaborate, and to learn with and from each other is an important step towards actualizing the vision.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Participants in the ESL/Bilingual Endorsement Initiative coursework will include CPS teachers who possess an IL teaching license, have demonstrated leadership skills, and desire to obtain an ESL or Bilingual Endorsement to support ELs in CPS. Participants will commit to a twenty-four (24) month sequence of courses, to teaching at CPS for at least two years after obtaining their ESL or bilingual endorsement, maintaining at least 90% attendance, and a grade of B or higher in every course.

In addition, the ESL/Bilingual Endorsement Initiative is aligned to our district goals of ensuring that every child has access to high quality teaching and learning in alignment with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). All teachers who enroll in these courses will benefit by developing their expertise in using instructional strategies and providing support to ELs. This will provide students with access to rigorous content in order to CCSS standards.

**OUTCOMES:** The ESL/Bilingual Endorsement Initiative will result in an increased number of qualified and endorsed teachers of ELs in our district. This initiative supports the CPS Bilingual Education Policy by providing ELs the opportunity to learn English and develop their native language.

**COMPENSATION:** Tuition payments to all four (4) universities and one (1) college during the payment period shall not exceed \$600,000 total through June 30, 2020.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The Chief Officer of the Office of Language and Cultural Education is authorized to direct payments to be made to the universities and college as necessary.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 5.2.3 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, tuition payments to other education institutions are exempt from MBE/WBE review.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Fund 356, Unit 11510, Office of Language and Cultural Education  
FY19 \$300,000  
FY20 \$300,000  
Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**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.

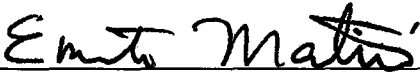
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

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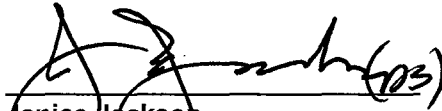
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement. Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0626-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

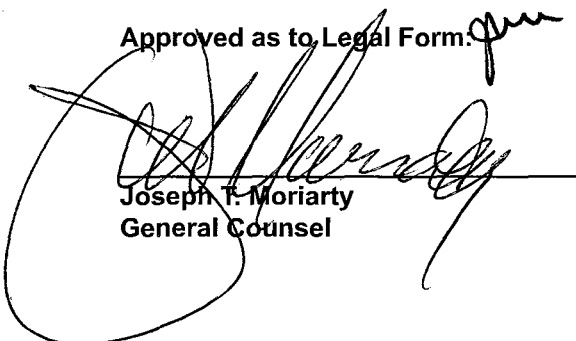
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Ernesto Matias  
Chief Officer of Language and Cultural Education

**Approved:**

  
Janice Jackson  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
Joseph T. Moriarty  
General Counsel