

**AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO RENEWAL AGREEMENTS WITH CONDITIONS WITH
VARIOUS PROVIDERS FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize renewal agreements with conditions with the following providers listed below for Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) services for an additional one-year period. Written agreements applicable to this renewal term for each provider's services will be negotiated. No services shall be provided by any provider and no payment shall be made to any provider prior to the execution of such provider's written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each provider in the event a written renewal agreement for such provider is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Report. Information pertinent to these renewal agreements is stated below.

- PROVIDERS:**
- 1) Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc.
320 N. Halstead Street, Ste. 210
Pasadena, California 91107
Contact Name: Jamie Donahue, Executive Director
Contact Phone: 626-204-2550
 - 2) EdisonLearning, Inc.
900 S. Gay, Suite 1000
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
Contact Name: Thom Jackson, President & CEO
Contact Phone: 201-630-2861
 - 3) Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd
444 South Keeler Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
Contact Name: Allison O'Neill, President & CEO
Contact Phone: 773-940-2529

OVERSIGHT: Office of Innovation and Incubation
42 W. Madison Street, 3rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60602
Contact Name: Mary K. Bradley, Executive Director
Contact Phone: 773-553-1530

ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS: The original agreements (authorized by Board Report 13-0522-EX3) were for a term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018 and authorized the providers to provide ALOP services pursuant to Section 13B of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/13B-1 *et seq.*). The original agreements were awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to a Call for Quality Schools RFP and RFP for New Options in June 2012 and January 2013, respectively. The original agreements were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 13-0724-EX3: Approved the addition of another ALOP provider, Prologue, Inc., and the allocation of ALOP seats for Prologue, Inc.
- Board Report 14-0528-EX16: Approved (a) the increase in the number of ALOP seats at the existing campuses of Banner Learning Corp., Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and EdisonLearning, Inc.; (b) the increase in campuses of Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd, EdisonLearning, Inc. and Pathways in Education-Illinois, Inc. opening in the fall of 2014 with corresponding increases in ALOP seats for those providers; and (c) the disbursement of one-time incubation and start-up funds to Ombudsman Education Services Ltd, EdisonLearning, Inc. and Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc. for their additional campuses opening in the fall of 2014.

- Board Report 14-0723-EX4: Approved (a) the delay in start dates for additional campuses of Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and one of the additional campuses of EdisonLearning, Inc. from fall of 2014 to second semester of 2014-2015 school year; and (b) the permission for Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd to serve an additional 400 students at its current campuses until the opening of its new campus in the second semester of 2014-2015 school year.
- Board Report 15-0527-EX27: Approved (a) the delay in start date for the additional campus of EdisonLearning, Inc. from 2014-2015 school year to the 2015-2016 school year; (b) the delay in the corresponding authorization of the disbursement of one-time incubation and startup funds to EdisonLearning, Inc. for its additional campus until its facility has been approved by the CPS Facilities Department; (c) the delay in start dates for the additional campuses of Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc. from 2014-2015 school year to the 2016-2017 school year; and (d) the delay in the corresponding authorization of the disbursement of one-time incubation and startup funds to Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc. for their additional campuses until the fall of 2016 contingent upon sites being identified by the providers and approved by the CPS Facilities Department.
- Board Report 16-0427-EX9: Rescinded the authority to (a) open additional campuses for Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year; (b) approve the corresponding increase in ALOP seats for those campuses, thereby decreasing the seats for such providers; and (c) disburse one-time incubation and startup funds to Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd and Pathways in Education - Illinois, Inc. for their additional campuses for the fall of 2016.

ALOP RENEWAL: As a part of the renewal process to continue the operation of their ALOP services pursuant to Paragraph 11 of their ALOP Agreements, the providers submitted action plans in early June 2018 that detailed the methods they plan to use to bolster certain areas of their programs including, but not limited to: academic, post-secondary, social emotional and other support services for students prior to and during the 2018-2019 school year.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of each agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

PROGRAM SERVICES: Providers shall continue to provide the following ALOP services pursuant to Section 13B of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/13B-1 *et seq.*): High quality, comprehensive education program services for middle and high school aged youth who have been out-of-school, are significantly off-track for graduation, are chronically truant or are otherwise at-risk for academic failure. The providers will deliver a rigorous academic program that complies with CPS and state graduation and promotion requirements and is fully aligned to IL standards but is also tailored to meet the needs of individual students. Personalized learning plans, comprehensive social-emotional supports, and intensive post-secondary planning will be provided to all ALOP students.

Providers will be approved to serve the following number of students for the renewal term of each of their agreements: Pathways in Education – Illinois, Inc. (up to 900 students), Edison Learning, Inc. (up to 1,000 students), and Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd (up to 1,250 students).

At a minimum, the agreements will address the requirements of the ALOP statute and regulations and student academic outcomes, and will also reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the providers including, but not limited to, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to each provider by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee and will be included as an attachment to the renewal agreement with each provider.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written renewal agreements. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the renewal agreements.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications have already been 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.

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.

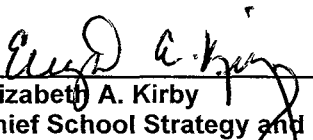
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their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

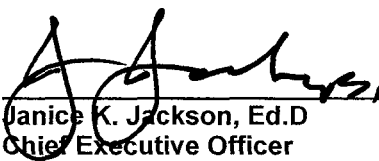
Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:


Elizabeth A. Kirby
Chief School Strategy and Planning Officer


Janice K. Jackson, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 

Joseph T. Moriarty
General Counsel