

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE NOBLE STREET CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
CONDITIONS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Noble Street Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 98-0429-EX12) was for a term commencing July 2, 1998 (with the charter school opening in the fall of 1999) and ending June 30, 2004 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 500 students in grades 9 through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009 (authorized by Board Report 04-0225-EX3). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014, serving no more than 4,796 students in grades K through 12 (authorized by Board Report 08-1217-EX7). The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019, serving no more than 12,975 students in grades 6 through 12 (authorized by Board Report 14-0226-EX9). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 14-0423-EX9: Approved the change in names of the following campuses: Crimson Campus to the Butler College Prep Campus, Orange Campus to the Baker College Prep Campus, Purple Campus to the DRW College Prep Campus, and Silver Campus to the Hansberry College Prep Campus. Also approved the (a) final Noble Exeter Academy Campus proposal with an at capacity enrollment of 900 students, (b) change in name of the Noble Exeter Academy Campus to The Noble Academy Campus; (c) identification of the independent facility located at 17 N. State Street as the temporary location of The Noble Academy Campus; and (d) disbursement of one-time incubation and startup funds to the charter operator for the new charter campuses opening in the fall of 2014. Finally, approved the increase in the at capacity enrollment at the Pritzker College Prep Campus by 125 students to 1,000 students, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 12,975 students to 14,000 students in the fall of 2014.

- Board Report 15-0624-EX7: Approved the temporary relocation of The Noble Academy Campus to the CPS facility at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Board Report 15-1028-EX7: Approved the establishment of one new high school campus, Noble #17 Campus, to open in the fall of 2016 and serve an at capacity enrollment of 1,100 students, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 14,000 students to 15,100 students in the fall of 2016. Also approved the facility construction by the charter operator of a permanent location for its Noble #17 Campus at the intersection of 47th Street and South California Avenue contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facility Department. Also required the charter operator to submit written communications to the CEO or designee on the exact address of the permanent site for the Noble #17 Campus no later than six months prior to the proposed effective date of relocation.
- Board Report 16-0427-EX14: Approved the change in the student enrollment capacity for Noble Street Charter School from the individual campus-level to the network-level beginning in the fall of 2016. The overall network-level at capacity enrollment of the charter school will remain unchanged at 15,100 students. Also approved the (a) identification of the independent facility at 5101 S. Keeler Avenue as the temporary location for the Noble #17 Campus for the 2016-2017 school year contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facility Department, (b) change in name of the Noble #17 Campus to the Mansueto High School Campus, and (c) extension for The Noble Academy Campus to continue temporarily occupying the CPS facility at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Board Report 17-0828-EX8: Approved an extension for The Noble Academy Campus to continue temporarily occupying the CPS facility at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue for the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 school years.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted a renewal proposal on July 31, 2018 to continue the operation of the Noble Street Charter School under a unified mission. The charter school shall continue to serve grades 6 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 15,100 students at the following locations:

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2018 – 2019 Enrollment	Estimated At Capacity Enrollment*
Noble	1999	1010 N. Noble Street	9-12	651	650
Pritzker College Prep	2006	4131 W. Cortland Street	9-12	986	1,000
Rauner College Prep	2006	1337 W. Ohio Street	9-12	632	650
Golder College Prep	2007	1454 W. Superior Street	9-12	664	650
Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy	2007	3645 W. Chicago Avenue	9-12	468	650
UIC College Prep	2008	1231 S. Damen Avenue	9-12	935	900
Gary Comer College Prep	2008	7131 S. South Chicago Avenue & 1010 E. 72 nd Street	6-12	1,099	1,200
Chicago Bulls College Prep	2009	2040 W. Adams Street	9-12	1137	1,150

Muchin College Prep	2009	1 N. State Street	9-12	949	900
John and Eunice Johnson College Prep	2010	6350 S. Stewart Avenue	9-12	802	850
Hansberry College Prep	2012	8710-56 S. Aberdeen Street	9-12	642	900
DRW College Prep	2012	931 S. Homan Avenue	9-12	514	900
Butler College Prep	2013	821 E. 103 rd Street	9-12	647	900
Baker College Prep	2013	2710 E. 89 th Street	9-12	363	900
ITW David Speer Academy	2014	5321 W. Grand Avenue	9-12	1019	900
The Noble Academy	2014	1443 N. Ogden Avenue (permanent) facility)	9-12	499	900
Mansueto High School	2016	2911 W. 47 th Street	9-12	526	1,100

*At cap enrollment at individual campuses may fluctuate but overall network-level at cap enrollment will remain unchanged.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Noble Street Charter School'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 documentation. A public hearing was held on November 14, 2018 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Noble Street Charter School. 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, Noble Street Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the Noble Street Charter School's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the charter school by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with the Noble Network of Charter Schools.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate and execute any amendments to the Charter School Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2019-2020 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.

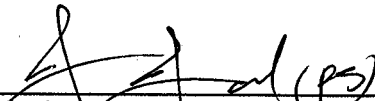
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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
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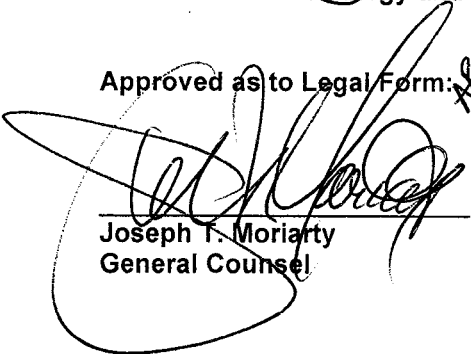


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