

AMEND BOARD REPORT 19-0123-EX12
AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE EXCEL ACADEMY SOUTHWEST AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Excel Academy Southwest 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.

This April 2019 amendment is necessary to consolidate the two locations for Excel Academy Southwest at 7014 S. Washtenaw Avenue and 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue into one location at 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue beginning in the fall of 2019. 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 amended Board Report.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Contract School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 14-0625-EX4) was for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019 and authorized the operation of a contract school serving no more than 375 students in grades 9 through 12. The school was designated as a contract school pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. The Contract School Agreement was subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 14-0924-EX4: Approved a change in location from 8301 S. Damen Avenue to the independent facilities at 7014 S. Washtenaw Avenue and 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue.
- Board Report 17-0828-EX6: Approved the addition of grade 8 at the contract school in order to serve an age cycle 15 population beginning in the fall of 2017. This amendment is contingent upon conditions to be outlined in a letter to be sent by the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC submitted a renewal proposal on July 31, 2018 to continue the operation of Excel Academy Southwest as a contract school. The contract school shall continue to be located at 7014 S. Washtenaw Avenue (North Building) and 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue (South Building) and shall continue to serve grades 8 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 375 students.

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 its academic, financial and operational performance.

In February 2019, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC submitted an application for amendment to consolidate the two locations for Excel Academy Southwest at 7014 S. Washtenaw Avenue and 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue into one location at 7050 S. Washtenaw Avenue beginning in the fall of 2019. A public hearing on the proposed consolidation was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

CONTRACT SCHOOL EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Excel Academy Southwest'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 Excel Academy Southwest. 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, Excel Academy Southwest be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of Excel Academy Southwest's agreement is being extended for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the contract school by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Contract School Agreement with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC.

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. Authorize the Chief Operations Officer to execute any ancillary documents related to food services in connection with the operation of the school.

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.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school operator, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC will continue to employ its own principal, teachers and staff.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

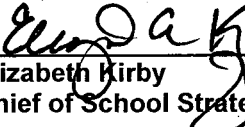
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary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

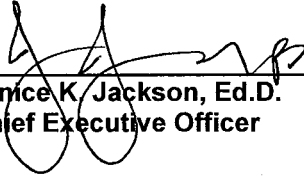
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:

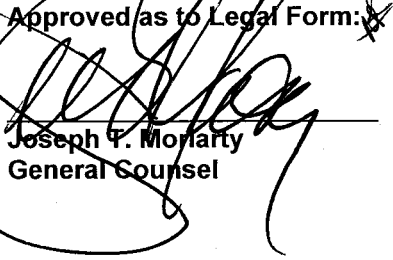


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