

May 25, 2022

APPROVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR COURSEWORK LEADING TO ESL AND/OR BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve tuition payments to Colleges and Universities for ESL and bilingual coursework at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 in twenty-four (24) months for all participating universities. Northeastern IL University, National Louis University, Lewis University, Dominican University, University of St. Francis and Board of Trustees of Community College District No 508 dba City Colleges of Chicago are five universities and one 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.

PROVIDER: See list of Colleges and Universities attached.

USER: Office of Language and Cultural Education (OLCE)
42 W. Madison St. 2nd Fl.
Chicago, IL 60602
Jorge Macias, Chief Officer of OLCE
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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

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 Learners (ELs) in CPS are taught by qualified educators who are able to meet their unique needs. 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 goal that every English Learner in CPS is taught by an appropriately licensed and endorsed teacher. Offering cohorts for teachers is an opportunity to engage in the coursework together, to collaborate, and to learn with and from each other is an important step towards actualizing this goal.

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 Illinois Learning Standards (ILS). 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 alignment with Illinois 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 five (5) universities and one (1) college during the payment period shall not exceed \$500,000 total through June 30, 2024.

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 115, Unit 11540, Office of Language and Cultural Education
FY23 \$250,000
FY24 \$250,000
Not to exceed \$500,000.
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.

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.

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:

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Attachment A: List of Colleges and Universities

1. Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
Phone: 773-773-7330
Vendor#: 29483
2. University of St. Francis
500 Wilcox Street
Joliet, IL 60435
Phone: 815-740-2626
Vendor#: 19527
3. National Louis University
5202 Old Orchard Road, Suite 300
Skokie, IL 60677
Phone: 847-947-5580
Vendor#: 48030
4. Lewis University
One University Parkway, Unit 295
Romeoville, IL 60446
Phone: 815-836-5027
Vendor#: 48342
5. Dominican University 22
7900 West Division
River Forest, IL 60305
Phone: 708-524-6770
Vendor#: 45322
6. Board of Trustees of Community College District No 508 dba City Colleges of Chicago
Harry S Truman College
1145 W. Wilson Ave
Chicago, IL 60640
Phone: 773-907-4000
Vendor#: 12687