

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE HOPE LEARNING ACADEMY AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

Authorize renewal of The Hope Learning Academy Agreement (the "Contract School Agreement") with conditions for an additional four-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. The Renewal and any related contracts must be executed by the current contract's expiration date in order for First Quarter funding to be released for the new contract term. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Contract School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-1024-EX13) was for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014 and authorized the operation of a contract school serving no more than 500 students in grades K through 5. The school was designated as a contract school pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. The Contract School Agreement was subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019 (authorized by Board Report 14-0226-EX13). The Contract School Agreement was then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 (authorized by Board Report 19-0123-EX13). The Contract School Agreement was subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 19-0424-EX3: Approved to change the name of The Hope Institute Learning Academy to Hope Learning Academy.

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: The Hope School submitted a renewal proposal on July 29, 2022 to continue the operation of Hope Learning Academy ("Hope") as a contract school. The contract school shall continue to be located at 1628 W. Washington Boulevard and shall continue to serve grades K through 5 with a maximum enrollment of 500 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.

CONTRACT SCHOOL EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Hope Learning Academy 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 January 10, 2023 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Hope Learning Academy. 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, Hope Learning Academy be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of Hope Learning Academy's agreement is being extended for a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.

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 The Hope School.

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 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY23 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school operator, The Hope School 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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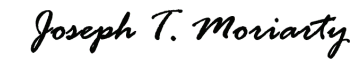
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