

June 28, 2023

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 20-1118-EX2**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 19-0724-EX3**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 18-0425-EX7**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 17-0828-EX10**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 16-1207-EX6**

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

Authorize renewal of the Chicago International Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional seven-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.

This August 2017 amendment is necessary to authorize an extension of the term of the Charter School Agreement from its current end date of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024. 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 amended Board Report.

This April 2018 amendment is necessary to authorize a change in the education management organization for the following campuses of Chicago International Charter School, effective July 1, 2018: (a) Lloyd Bond Campus from Charter Schools USA to Chicago Rise LLC and (b) Longwood and Loomis Primary Campuses from Charter Schools USA to Ignite Learning Collaborative LLC. 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 amended Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This July 2019 amendment is necessary to ratify Chicago Charter School Foundation's termination of the education management organization agreements for the following campuses of Chicago International Charter School, effective July 1, 2019: (a) Lloyd Bond Campus from Chicago Rise LLC, and (b) Longwood and Loomis Primary Campuses from Empowered Community Schools (f/k/a Ignite Learning Collaborative LLC). 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 amended Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This November 2020 amendment is necessary to authorize (a) the voluntary closure of the Chicago International Charter School - ChicagoQuest North Campus at the end of the 2020- 2021 school year by mutual consent of the parties for the reasons set forth below, (b) an amendment to the Charter School Agreement with respect to that campus closure, and (c) a campus wind down agreement for the ChicagoQuest North Campus. The Chicago Charter School Foundation provided notice to the Office of Portfolio Management in September 2020 of its intent to close the ChicagoQuest North campus at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The Chicago Charter School Foundation shall wind down and cease operations of that campus voluntarily effective July 1, 2021. After the closure of that campus, the overall network-level at capacity enrollment for the charter school shall decrease to 8,661 students by the fall of 2021. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report.

This June 2023 amendment is necessary to authorize the addition of the education management organization for the Lloyd Bond, Longwood, and Loomis Primary Campuses to Distinctive Schools. No written agreement is required to codify this addition.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-0122-EX4 as amended by Board Report 00-0223-EX3) was for a term commencing July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 5,000 students in grades K through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2007 (authorized by Board Report 01-1219-EX2). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012, serving no more than 7,647 students (authorized by Board Report 07-0523-EX5). The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017, serving no more than 10,111 students (authorized by Board Report 12-0328-EX11). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 14-1022-EX4: Ratified the authorization to change the educational management organization at Chicago International Charter School - Irving Park Campus from Victory Educational Partners to Distinctive Schools effective July 1, 2013. Also corrected the at capacity enrollment at Chicago International Charter School - Ralph Ellison Campus from 630 to 570 students which decreased the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 10,111 to 10,051 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Chicago International Charter School - Northtown Campus by 50 students to 900 students which increased the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 10,101 students in spring of 2015.
- Board Report 15-0527-EX22: Ratified the authorization to change the education management organization for the following campuses of the Chicago International Charter School from Edison Schools Inc. to Charter Schools USA, effective July 1, 2012: Larry Hawkins Campus, Lloyd Bond Campus, Longwood Campus and Loomis Primary Campus. Also corrected the at capacity enrollment for Chicago International Charter School - Ralph Ellison Campus from 570 to 630 students thus increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 10,101 to 10,161 students.
- Board Report 15-1216-EX2: Revoked the Chicago International Charter School - Larry Hawkins Campus at the end of 2015-2016 school year, thus decreasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 9,261 students by the fall of 2016. Also authorized an amendment to the Charter School Agreement and a campus wind down agreement with respect to the revocation of the Larry Hawkins Campus.
- Board Report 16-0427-EX10: Ratified the authorization to change the education management organization for the following campuses of Chicago International Charter School from Victory to ReGeneration Schools, effective January 1, 2016: Avalon/South Shore Campus, Basil Campus and Washington Park Campus. Also

changed the student enrollment capacity for Chicago International 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 9,261 students.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted a renewal proposal on September 14, 2016 to continue the operation of Chicago International Charter School under a unified mission using, Civitas, Chicago Quest, Distinctive Schools, Charter Schools USA and ReGeneration Schools for comprehensive school management services. The charter school shall continue to serve grades K through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 9,261 students. The student enrollment capacity for the charter school shall continue to be at the network-level. The charter school can change student enrollment between campuses based on parameters set forth in the agreement so long as the overall network-level at capacity enrollment of the charter school does not change.

Also, in December 2015, the governing board of Chicago Charter School Foundation voted to no longer serve grades 6 through 8 at the Chicago International Charter School - ChicagoQuest North Campus beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. In December 2015, Chicago International Charter School held parent meetings to support families with placement at other Chicago International Charter School campuses. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were supported in matriculating to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at ChicagoQuest North. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, no 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students were enrolled at ChicagoQuest North.

In October 2016, Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted a material modification to the Office of Innovation and Incubation to only serve grades 9 through 12 at the Chicago International Charter School - ChicagoQuest North Campus.

The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends ratifying the authorization for Chicago Charter School Foundation to only serve grades 9 through 12 at the Chicago International Charter School - ChicagoQuest North Campus, effective July 1, 2016.

In February 2017, Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted an application for amendment to extend its Charter School Agreement beyond a five-year term. The term of the Charter School Agreement is being extended from its current end date of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024. A public hearing on the proposed extension was held on Monday, August 21, 2017. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In April 2018, Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted an application for amendment to change the education management organization for the following campuses of Chicago International Charter School, effective July 1, 2018: (a) Lloyd Bond Campus from Charter Schools USA to Chicago Rise LLC and (b) Longwood and Loomis Primary Campuses from Charter Schools USA to Ignite Learning Collaborative LLC.

A public hearing on the proposed changes was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In May 2019, Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted a letter to the Office of Innovation and Incubation requesting to terminate the education management organization agreements for the following campuses of Chicago International Charter School, effective July 1, 2019: (a) Lloyd Bond Campus from Chicago Rise LLC, and (b) Longwood and Loomis Primary Campuses from Empowered Community Schools (f/k/a Ignite Learning Collaborative LLC).

A public hearing on the proposed changes was held on Monday, July 15, 2019. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

On September 29, 2020, the Chicago Charter School Foundation provided the Office of Portfolio Management written notice of its intent to close the Chicago International Charter School - ChicagoQuest North Campus at the end of the 2020-2021 school year due to declining student enrollment and financial viability. In late September 2020, the Chicago Charter School Foundation notified all families of the closure of the ChicagoQuest North Campus at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. A remote public hearing on the proposed closure was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The

hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

The Office of Portfolio Management recommends an amendment to the Charter School Agreement with respect to the closure of the ChicagoQuest North campus at the end of the 2020-2021 school year by mutual consent of the parties. The Chicago Charter School Foundation shall wind down and cease operations of that campus voluntarily effective July 1, 2021. Both parties shall enter into a campus wind down agreement with respect to the campus closure. After the closure of that campus, the overall network-level at capacity enrollment for the charter school shall decrease by 600 students to 8,661 students by the fall of 2021.

On February 10, 2023, the Chicago Charter School Foundation submitted an application for amendment to change the education management organization for the Lloyd Bond, Longwood, and Loomis Primary campuses. Through further communication and written supplementary materials provided by the Chicago Charter School Foundation on April 24, 2023 and May 26, 2023, Chicago Charter School Foundation requested an amendment to change the education management organization for the Lloyd Bond, Longwood, and Loomis Primary campuses to Distinctive Schools.

The chart below reflects the school management organizations to manage each campus projected for the 2023-2024 school year. current estimated at capacity enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b>School Management Co.</b>	<b>Year Opened</b>	<b>Campus Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>At Capacity Grades</b>	<b>2016-2017 Enrollment</b>	<b>Estimated At Capacity Enrollment</b>
Civitas LLC	2002	Northtown	3900 W. Peterson	9-12	908	930
	2006	Ralph Ellison	1817 W. 80th Street	9-12	444	619
	2005	Wrightwood	8130 S. California	K-8	784	800
Distinctive Schools	1997	Bucktown	2235 N. Hamilton	K-8	704	694
	2007	Irving Park	3820 N. Spaulding	K-8	556	555
	1997	Prairie	11530 S. Prairie Avenue	K-8	420	420
	2002	West Belden	2245 N. McVicker	K-8	534	535
<u>None Distinctive Schools</u>	2009	Lloyd Bond	13300 S. Langley	K-6	344	355
	1997	Longwood	1309 W. 95th Street	3-12	4,364	1,435
	2008	Loomis Primary	9535 S. Loomis	K-2	550	578
ReGeneration Schools	2005	Avalon/South Shore	1501 E. 83rd Place	K-8	504	500
	2002	Basil	1816 W. Garfield Blvd	K-8	749	750
	2001	Washington Park	6105 S. Michigan	K-8	482	490

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Chicago International 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 21, 2016 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Chicago International 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, Chicago International Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of Chicago International Charter School's charter and agreement is being extended for a seven (7) year term commencing July 1, 2017 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 his designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with Chicago Charter School Foundation.

**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, ~~amendment and campus wind down agreement.~~ Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement, ~~amendment and campus wind down agreement.~~ ~~Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation Chief Portfolio Officer to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the voluntary closure of the campus action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification as well as any other information as may be necessary due to the closure of the campus.~~ 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 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY24 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:**

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