

# January 2023 Board Briefings

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# Overview of Renewal Process

The school renewal process allows for a comprehensive review and evaluation of school/campus academic, financial, and operational performance over the entire agreement term.

The outcomes of this comprehensive review and evaluation process inform a final recommendation that is provided to the Chicago Board of Education for consideration. The final action determines what will occur for the school/campus at the end of its current term.

**The renewal process is evidence-based, transparent, feasible, and valuable**



## Potential Recommendations

Five (5)\* Year  
Renewal

Five (5)\* Year  
Renewal  
with Conditions

Shortened  
Renewal Term  
with Conditions

Non- Renewal

\* Charter schools that exceed performance expectations may be awarded renewal terms of more than five years. Contract schools are not eligible to be awarded renewal terms of more than five years.

# Renewal Evaluation Criteria

I&I objectively evaluates evidence gathered on a school/campus using the School Renewal Rubric, and provides a renewal recommendation to I&I Leadership. School/campus specific evidence is evaluated across three renewal evaluation domains.

- **Academic Performance**
- **Financial Performance**
- **Operational Performance**

Each renewal evaluation domain has specific criteria and performance ratings. I&I uses the identified priority areas and supportive evidence to analyze school's academic, financial, and operational performance, and assess a final rating of Exceeds, Meets, or Does Not Meet Standards\* for each of the three domains.

# Student Equity and Experience Focus Areas

Based on feedback from the Board and our CEO, the SY23 review process prioritizes weighting of areas that directly reflect our district equity values and highlights the experiences students are having in schools. Specifically, measures related to the following areas have been given weight in this year's process:

- **Student Discipline;**
- **Diverse Learner Compliance; and**
- **English Learner Compliance**

**Outcomes in these three priority areas will affect the potential overall rating for the Operational Performance domain in the following ways:**

- Received a rating of “Does Not Meet Standards” in one (1) area → **Partially Meets Standards** is highest possible rating in the Operational Performance domain.
- Received a rating of “Does Not Meet Standards” in two (2) areas → **Does Not Meet Standards** is highest possible rating in the Operational Performance domain

# Renewal Site Visits

Starting this cycle, I&I has launched a more robust, comprehensive Renewal Site Visit (RSV). These visits will not only explore how the school is implementing its educational program, but also its services to students related to the Student Equity & Experience Focus Areas.

Depending on the school's identified areas of concern, there are a variety of site visits that can be conducted at a school. A school may receive one or more of these visits. Findings from the visit will provide a performance evaluation and qualitative guidance to schools.

## *Types of Renewal Site Visits:*

### **1. Academic Instruction**

- a. Classroom Observation, Document Review, Student Work Samples, Focus Groups

### **2. NEW! Special Education**

- a. Holistic review of IEP implementation and SPED compliance; similar to the SY18-19 ODLSS School Profile Review. Conducted in partnership with schools' ODLSS District Representatives.

### **3. NEW! Culture & Climate**

- a. Review of structures regarding Student Discipline and Restorative Practices implementation. Conducted in partnership with the Office of Social and Emotional Learning.

### **4. English Learner Supports (if applicable)**

- a. Standard program review by **OLCE**

# Recommendations: Renewal Term Lengths



# Renew the Acero Charter Schools Agreement

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Acero Charter Schools with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This network has 6566 students in grades K-12. The network serves a population that is largely Latinx (93%) and Economically Disadvantaged (86%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Asian Human Service – Passages Agreement

Item  
19

**Recommendation:** *Renew the charter agreement for Asian Human Services - Passages Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.*

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 309 students in grades K-8. The school serves a population that is largely African American (46%) and Economically Disadvantaged (78%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** *The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.*

**Votes Required:** *Majority of the members voting upon them.*



# Renew the Chicago Collegiate Agreement

Item  
20

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Chicago Collegiate Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 255 students in grades 5-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (98%) and Economically Disadvantaged (95%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Chicago Excel Agreement

Item  
21

**Recommendation:** Renew the agreement for Chicago Excel Academy with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2027.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This options contract school has 225 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (96.4%) and Economically Disadvantaged (94.2%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Christopher House Agreement

Item  
22

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Christopher House with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Needs Improvement
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 450 students in grades PK-8. The school serves a population that is largely Latinx (96%) and Economically Disadvantaged (86%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Chicago Tech Academy HS Agreement

Item  
23

**Recommendation:** Renew the agreement for Chicago Tech Academy High School whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a five-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Exceeds Standards
Operational Performance	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This contract school has 424 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (84%) and Economically Disadvantaged (91%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Excel Academy of Englewood Agreement

Item  
24

**Recommendation:** Renew the school agreement for Excel Academy of Englewood with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a five-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This options contract school has 212 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (96%) and Economically Disadvantaged (90%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Hope Learning Academy Agreement

Item  
25

**Recommendation:** *Renew the agreement for Hope Learning Academy with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2027.*

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Exceeds Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This contract school has 241 students in grades K-5. The school serves a population that is largely African American (93%) and Economically Disadvantaged (84%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** *The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.*

**Votes Required:** *Majority of the members voting upon them.*

# Renew the Horizon Science Academy Southwest Agreement

Item  
26

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Horizon Science Academy Southwest with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Needs Improvement
Financial Performance	Exceeds Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 739 students in grades K-12. The school serves a population that is largely Latinx (71%) and Economically Disadvantaged (90%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Instituto Health Academy Agreement

Item  
27

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Instituto - Health with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meet Standards
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 631 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely Latinx (95%) and Economically Disadvantaged (94%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.



# Renew the Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy Agreement

Item  
28

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2024. This Agreement contains Performance Benchmarks for the school to achieve over time - failure at any checkpoint results in self-closure and wind-down.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Needs Improvement
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This options school has 92 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely Latinx (97%) and Economically Disadvantaged (89%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Intrinsic Charter School Agreement

Item  
29

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Intrinsic Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Does Not Meet Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 990 students in grades 7-12. The school serves a population that is largely Latinx (93%) and Economically Disadvantaged (89%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy Agreement

Item  
30

**Recommendation:** Renew the school agreement for Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This options contract school has 83 students in grades 9-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (95%) and Economically Disadvantaged (89%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Alain Locke Charter School Agreement

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for Alain Locke Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Exceeds Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This school has 323 students in grades K-8. The school serves a population that is largely African American (98.5%) and Economically Disadvantaged (85.8%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the North Lawndale College Preparatory School Agreement

**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This network has 755 students in grades 9-12. The network serves a population that is largely African American (98%) and Economically Disadvantaged (97%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the Plato Learning Academy Agreement

Item  
33

**Recommendation:** Renew the agreement for Plato Learning Academy with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This contract school has 175 students in grades K-8. The school serves a population that is largely African American (99%) and Economically Disadvantaged (90%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the SAFE Achieve Academy Agreement

Item  
34

**Recommendation:** Renew the agreement for SAFE Achieve Academy with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2027.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Partially Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Meets Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This options safe school has 36 students in grades 6-12. The school serves a population that is largely African American (94%) and Economically Disadvantaged (94%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

**Financial Implications:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.

# Renew the University of Chicago Charter Schools Agreement

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**Recommendation:** Renew the charter agreement for University of Chicago Charter School with conditions, whose agreement expires June 30, 2023, for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**Basis for Recommendation:** Schools are evaluated based on Academic, Financial, and Operational criteria as provided in the Accountability Plan in their school agreements. Based on the criteria, the school received the following ratings:

Domain/Focus	Rating Based on Evidence Collected
Academic Performance	Meets Standards
Financial Performance	Meets Standards
Operational Performance	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Student Discipline	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: Diverse Learners	Does Not Meet Standards
Student Equity & Experience: English Learners	Meets Standards

**Implication(s) if agreement is not approved:** Non-renewal of the school's agreement will result in the school's closure.

**Equity Focus:** The standards set forth in the renewal process ensure that all schools continue to provide a high-quality education for their students.

**Additional Info:** This network has 1328 students in grades K-12. The network serves a population that is largely African American (99%) and Economically Disadvantaged (80%).

**Community Perspective/Concerns:** None identified at this time – a public hearing to accept comment on the proposed 2022-23 renewal decision will take place on January 10, 2023.

**Connection to Vision:** Our three-pronged performance review and the associated criteria ensures that we hold schools accountable to the three levers of the CPS vision – Academic Progress, Financial Stability, and Integrity.

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**Votes Required:** Majority of the members voting upon them.



# Charter, Contract, & Options Schools Background Check Compliance



# Background Check Compliance

- On October 28, 2022, the Office of Inspector General released a report highlighting concerns with charter, contract, and Options school compliance with CPS Background Check requirements.
  - In 2017, all CCO schools signed the Background Check MOU
- CPS Safety & Security, in collaboration with I&I, conducted a webinar to revisit requirements.
- Schools raised two larger concerns, which highlight the OIG's findings:
  - Processing short-term volunteers, and
  - Processing staff members who work for third-party vendors.

# Next Steps | Background Check Compliance

- The Office of I&I, Safety & Security, and Legal have converged to investigate the following to mitigate these issues:
  - Amend contractual language to implement the CPS Volunteer Policy
  - Create a process to vet vendor staff centrally
  - Debar S2N Security
  - Conduct the Background Check Refresh Process
  - Provide frequent training opportunities for schools

# Contractual Updates



# Additional Contract Updates/Recommendations

- Prohibition of monetary gifts as incentives for student recruitment.
- Specific guidelines for transfers, dropouts, and removals from enrollment. This is to ensure student/family engagement, as well as to improve transitions and oversight
- Improved record-keeping to ensure implementation of fair, effective, and safe disciplinary policies and procedures.
- Publication of Charter School Board meeting minutes within 10 days of their approval.
- Specific language regarding reporting to, compliance with, and action steps from Title IX, OIG, or OSP investigations and reports.
- Requirement for Charter School to provide District with real-time access to student emergency contact information.
- Updated language regarding new accountability system for Charters
- Technical requirements to support data validity and reporting requirements (will require ITS to support charter schools to be successful).