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**APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING
AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
TO PROVIDE SCHOOL TURNAROUND SERVICES
AT MYRA BRADWELL COMMUNICATIONS ARTS & SCIENCES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve entering into a School Management Consulting Agreement with the Academy for Urban School Leadership ("AUSL") to provide school turnaround services at Myra Bradwell Communications Arts & Sciences Elementary School ("Bradwell") at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00 with supplemental compensation on a per-pupil basis of \$420 for the operation of Myra Bradwell Communications Arts & Sciences Elementary School. A School Management Consulting Agreement is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to AUSL prior to execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event an agreement is not executed by the Board and AUSL within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

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Contact Person: Jaime Guzman, Interim Executive Officer

PROPOSAL: On July 15, 2009, AUSL responded to a Turnaround RFP issued by the Office of New Schools for current turnaround operators interested in providing school turnaround services at reconstituted and closed schools starting with the 2010 - 2011 school year. AUSL's proposal was reviewed and evaluated by a CPS Comprehensive Evaluation Team ("CET") in August of 2009. In October 2009, the Board pre-approved AUSL to provide school turnaround services at reconstituted

4. Provide principal with assistance and support to implement data-driven instruction, utilizing interim assessments, both Learning First and local assessments, to inform pedagogy and professional development;
5. Provide principal with assistance and support to implement various after-school and extracurricular activities for students;
6. Assist the principal in providing parental involvement initiatives;

7. Assist the principal and the Local School Council to annually develop and implement a School Improvement Plan;
8. Provide a full-time professional field coach at Bradwell who will provide ongoing school management consulting and professional development;
9. Provide enhanced fundraising opportunities to support the implementation of school initiatives; and
10. Conduct a needs assessment for Bradwell employees during the first year of the agreement.

DELIVERABLES: AUSL will provide quarterly reports to the Office of New Schools regarding the implementation of school turnaround measures and school progress. AUSL will furnish such additional information and reports as necessary to evaluate AUSL's turnaround services.

OUTCOMES: AUSL's services will result in improved teaching and student learning and shall accelerate student achievement at Bradwell. AUSL will be evaluated annually based on the specific outcomes, school progress goals and benchmarks identified in the agreement.

COMPENSATION: AUSL shall be paid the balance remaining from \$300,000.00 less the funds

shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY09 are deemed to be contingent liability, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. 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).