

AMEND BOARD REPORT 12-0822-EX5
AMEND BOARD REPORT 12-0725-EX4
AMEND BOARD REPORT 12-0328-EX14
**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Youth Connection Charter School for an additional 3-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.

School to 4701 S. King Drive, (b) remove the Rudy Lozano Leadership Academy from the list of YCCS Campuses, (c) relocate the Innovations High School of Arts Integration to 17 N. State Street and (d) correct the at capacity enrollment at each of the YCCS Campuses. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-0723-EX9) was for a term commencing August 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002. The agreement authorized YCCS to operate a multiple-campus charter school serving dropouts throughout Chicago. The agreement also limited their enrollment to no more than 1850 students. YCCS is governed by a single board with uniform policies that apply to all campuses regarding admissions, curriculum, school calendar, student assessments, performance goals, student discipline and employment policies. The charter and Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 02-0424-EX02) were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2007. The agreement authorized YCCS to operate a multiple campus charter school with an enrollment gradually increasing to a maximum enrollment of 3200 students in 2006-07. The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed (authorized by Board Report 07-0627-EX7) for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 08-0602-EX2: Approved the address correction for the Westside Holistic Alternative High School at 4909 W. Division and the removal of Prologue Alternative High School from the list of YCCS Campuses.

Board Report 08-0827-EX8: Approved the increase of the at capacity enrollment at the Youth

The agreement incorporates an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board

each year based on numerous factors related to academic, financial and operational performance.

In May 2012, YCCS submitted a material modification to do the following: (a) relocate the Charles Hamilton Houston Alternative High School to 4701 S. King Drive, (b) remove the Rudy Lozano Leadership Academy from the list of YCCS Campuses, (c) relocate the Innovations High School of Arts Integration to 17 N. State Street and (d) correct the at capacity enrollment of each of the YCCS Campuses. A public hearing on these proposed changes was held on Monday, July 16, 2012. The hearing was recorded and a summary of the report is available for review.

Community Services West – Academy of Scholastic Achievement	4651 W. Madison St	181	9 th -12 th
Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School	2739 W. Division St. & 2700 W. Madison Ave	101-100	9 th -12 th

Office of New Schools and Programs to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification.

LSC REVIEW: Approval of Local School Councils is not applicable to this report.

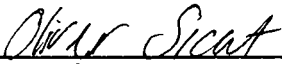

year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY12 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:


Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-12.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain

Approved: _____

Respectfully Submitted: _____


 

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