

January 25, 2023

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE CHICAGO TECH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

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

Authorize renewal of the Chicago Tech Academy High School Agreement (the "Contract School Agreement") for an additional five-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

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**CONTRACT SCHOOL:** Chicago Tech Academy High School  
1301 W. 14th Street  
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and  
1326 W. 14th Place  
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school serving no more than 600 students in grades 9 through 12. The school was  
contract school pursuant 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b. The Contract School Agreement was  
d for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 (authorized by  
-EX12). The Contract School Agreement was then renewed for a term commencing  
g June 30, 2018 (authorized by Board Report 15-0527-EX13). The Contract School  
equently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023  
l Report 17-1206-EX20). The Contract School Agreement was subsequently

21-0623-EX3: Approved Chicago Tech Academy High School partial use of the  
at 1326 W. 14

th Place in addition to the facility at 1301 W. 14th Street beginning in

nrough 12 with a maximum enrollment of 600 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 ChiTech'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 January 10, 2023 for all contract and charter schools going through renewal to receive public comments, including ChiTech. 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, ChiTech be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of ChiTech's agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the contract school by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Contract School Agreement with Chicago Tech Academy.

**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 of Nutrition & Facilities Operations to execute any ancillary documents related to food services in connection with the operation of the school.

**LSC REVIEW:**

**Approved for Consideration:**

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**Alfonso Carmona**

**Approved:**

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**Pedro Martinez**