

# Education Options Strategy

## Chicago Board of Education

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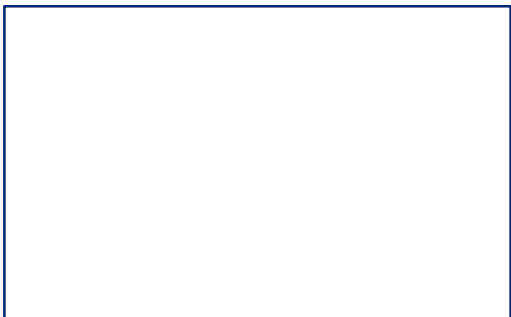
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# Chicago's Dropout Challenge

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- An estimated 56,000 youth are off- school or significantly off-track for graduation .
- The costs of dropping out to society, individuals and their families are well-documented and devastating
- Dropping out is rarely a sudden event, rather a long process of disengagement or “fade





# A Comprehensive Strategy

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← Prevention — Intervention — Reengagement →

Eliminate the  
Dropout  
Pipeline

Establish a  
Proactive  
System for  
Reengaging  
Out of School  
and Off Track  
youth

Adopt an  
Options  
Accountability  
Framework

Expand  
Options  
Schools and  
Programs

Change the Policies and Practices that Drive the Problem  
and Impede the Solutions

# Expanding Options

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Objective: Grow existing and recruit new high quality providers who can deliver education pathways shown to be most effective in reengaging, retaining, and graduating out of school youth and students at-risk of dropping out. Ensure that these programs are aligned to the segments of students to be served and serving communities with the greatest need.

3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of requests for new Options

2011 New Schools RFP included first request for new Options

2012 Call for Quality Schools

2013 Options RFP

- Agnostic about Governance Models

Charters and contracts have greater flexibility to offer non-traditional curriculum and program design to meet the needs of some segments of students

- Required Features:

Small learning communities and personalized learning paths

Holistic support for student development

Program design for accelerated credit and skill acquisition

Pathway and supports to college and career

Track record of success reengaging and graduating out of school and off track youth

# June Board Reports

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Approvals from the Options RFP for SY-13 Openings:

## Pathways in Education - Illinois

- Multi-site dropout charter school serving Old and Close
- 660 students in first year, with potential for 1,875 over time
- Converting existing Alternative Learning Opportunities Program campus in Ashburn (3284 87th Street) and Avondale (3100 W. Belmont)

## Camelot Schools Excel Academies

- 2 contract schools serving Old and Far
- 375 students at each school
- Planned communities of Woodlawn and one to be determined

Final Approval from 2012 CFQS for SY13 Opening:

## Chicago Excel Academy - Englewood

- Contract school serving Old and Far
- 375 students
- Located in Englewood in the former Guggenheim school building

# Overall Growth in Seats

