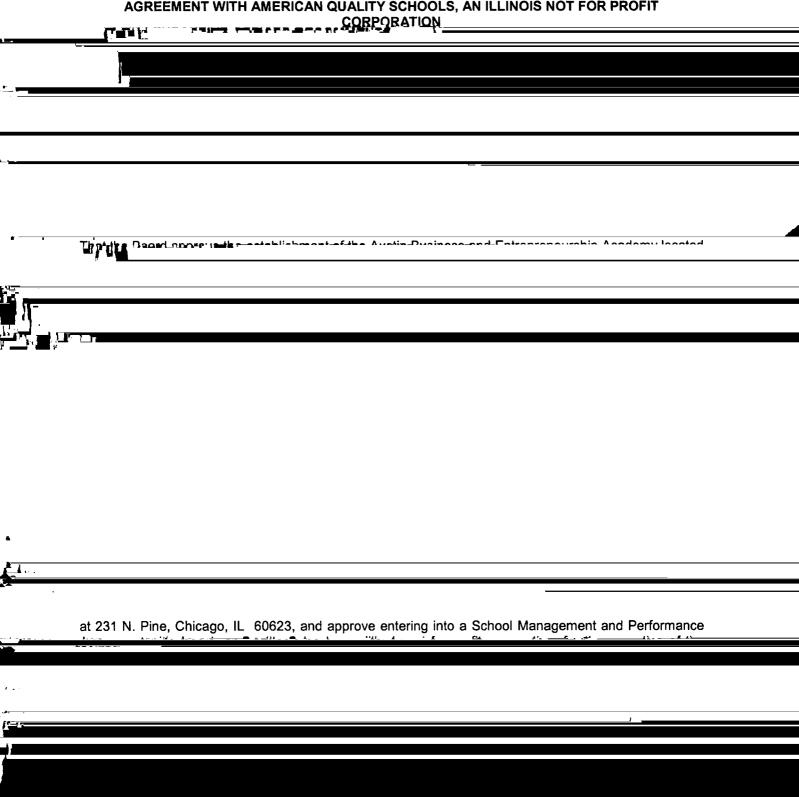
AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-1116-EX16

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUSTIN BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY AND APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN QUALITY SCHOOLS, AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT



<u>Enrollment</u>: The Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy will be a neighborhood school that will enroll students through a blind lottery with preference given to Austin community residents. Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy will enroll approximately <u>200</u> <u>300</u> students in grade 9 for the 2006-07 school year. In the following years the school will add grades 10-12 and may serve up to 600 students.

Attendance Boundaries: The Department of Demographic and School Planning and the New Schools Development Department will work with the Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy, the Austin Transition Advisory Council and the Austin Community to develop overlay school attendance boundaries

that will provide priority for enrollment for students living within such boundaries. The establishment of an

attendance boundary is subject to Board approval.

<u>Curriculum</u>: The Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy will focus on providing basic skills development in reading writing language arts mathematics and social science. Culture science and

computer literacy will also be integral parts of the curriculum. Special features include experiential activities and learning and practical work opportunities for the students.

Governance: A school governing body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to Board Report 10-1025 EY? Chideling for Alternative Local School Councils, as amended, and pursuant to 105 II CS

Within Appropriation:

John Maiorca Chief Financial Officer

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