

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-1022-EX18
APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GARFIELD PARK PREPARATORY ACADEMY AND
ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH TCS
COMMUNITY EDUCATION, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Request for Proposals: In April 2008, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a contract school, performance school or charter campus were submitted by interested parties to the Board on July 28, 2008. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and the Community

Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

Enrollment: Garfield Park Preparatory Academy will enroll students through a lottery with preference given to East Garfield Park community residents. A lottery will be held to select students residing in the contract school overlay boundary for 70% of the seats, and then all remaining applicants (from within and

but not limited to, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with the Board's Renaissance Policy, contract schools may request exemptions from Board Rules and Policies or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval.

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: The granting of a contract by the Board and the entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement is contingent upon any required subsequent public hearings and the school operator meeting benchmarks established by the Office of New Schools including, but not limited to, curriculum development, professional development for the principal candidate, clarification of

school oversight structure, development of educational and school start-up experience on the school site, and approval of a school site. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 2006 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.