April 25, 2018

AMEND BOARD REPORT 17-0828-EX9
AMEND BOARD REPORT 16-0427-EX21
AMEND BOARD REPORT 15-0929-EX5

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Youth Connection Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement")
for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will

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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

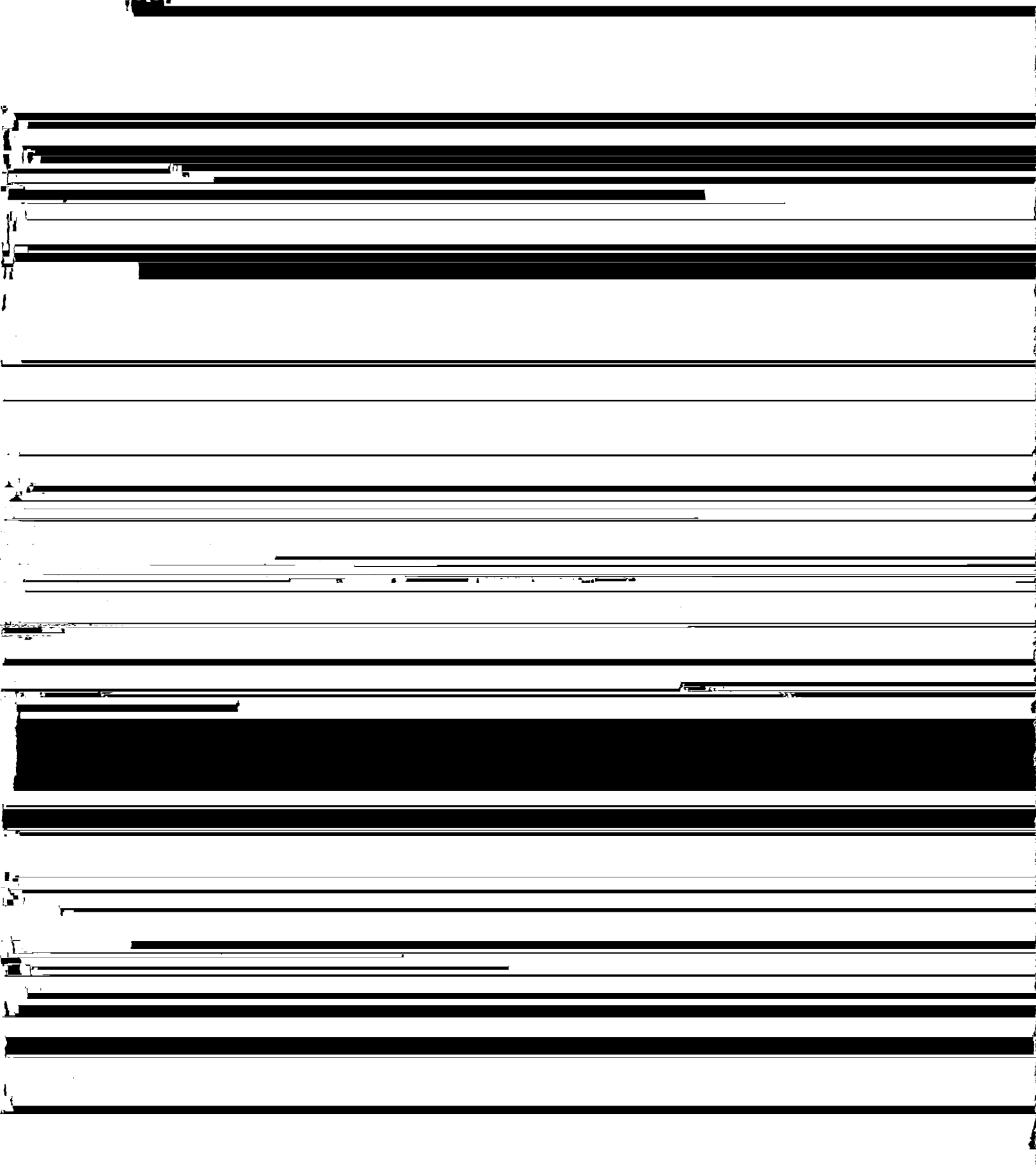renewed (authorized by Board Report 07-0627-EX7) for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending

June 30, 2012. The charter and Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 12-0328-EX14) were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015, serving no more than 4,004 students. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

relocation of the Charles Hamilton Houston Alternative High School from 4701 South King Drive to 7847 South Jeffrey Boulevard from January 31, 2013 to July 1, 2013.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Youth Connection Charter School submitted a renewal proposal on November 12, 2014 to continue the operation of a multi-campus charter school serving dropouts throughout the city under a unified mission. The charter school shall serve grades 9 through12 with a maximum enrollment of 4,217 students.

In February 2017, Youth Connection Charter School submitted an application for amendment to (a) extend the suspension of the YCCS Virtual High School Campus for one additional year until the 2018-2019

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the Charter School Agreement required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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