

January 26, 2022

AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEGAL PREP CHARTER ACADEMY AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

Authorize renewal of the Legal Prep Charter Academy Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional two-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Renewal and any related contracts must be executed by the current contract's expiration date in order for First Quarter funding to be released for the new contract term. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 11-0126-EX12) was for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 850 students in grades 9 through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:


Board Report 12-0328-EX6: Identified the independent facility at 4319 W. Washington Boulevard as the location for Legal Prep Charter Academy beginning in the fall of 2012

The charter and Charter School agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022 (authorized by Board Report 16-1207-EX9) ((with a maximum enrollment of 850 students.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehens

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