

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL-LOUIS UNIVERSITY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHICAGO TEACHING FELLOWS ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize tuition payments to National-Louis University for participants in the Chicago Teaching Fellows Alternative Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$1,250,429.04 for an eighteen-month period. University was selected based on their approved Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Alternative Certification Programs to offer coursework to the Chicago Teaching Fellows in secondary and elementary grade levels in multiple subject areas such as math, science and world language in Spanish, French, and Chinese. In previous years, National-Louis University has provided coursework and credential services to four secondary cohorts in math, science, and world language. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

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**USER:** Chicago Public Schools  
Department of Human Resources  
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**PAYMENT PERIOD:** Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from September 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** National-Louis University shall offer graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate to 138 elementary and secondary teachers with eligible endorsements in math, science, or world language in Spanish, French, or Chinese. National-Louis University shall offer a core curriculum consisting of 23 graduate credit hours.

**PARTICIPANTS:** All participants will have passed the ISBE Basic Skills Test and the appropriate content exam as required by university admissions. Participants will reimburse the Board for 77% of the program tuition costs. The Board will contribute \$2,061.08 per participant. Each Chicago Teaching Fellows participant shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$7,000.00 through payroll deductions or lump sum payment over the course of the program for a cohort reimbursement of \$966,000.00. Each participant from this program shall sign an application or agreement that commits him/her to satisfy post-program service requirements after completing the program and obtaining their Illinois Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate. Participants who fail to fulfill their respective requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the program.

**OUTCOMES:** One hundred thirty-eight (138) participants in this program will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and teach in Chicago Public Schools for four consecutive years.

**COMPENSATION:** Tuition payments to the University during the payment period shall not exceed \$1,250,429.04 which is \$9,061.08 per participant which is a 33% discounted tuition rate.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The Director of Recruitment & Workforce Planning is authorized to direct payments to be made to the University as necessary.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Business

Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this matter is exempt from review because it is for tuition payment.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Department of Human Resources: \$1,250,429.04  
Budget Classification: 0913-253-860-1575-5560  
Source of Funds: Title IIA – Teacher Quality  
Fiscal Year 2007: \$869,863.68  
Fiscal Year 2008: \$380,565.36

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.


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, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

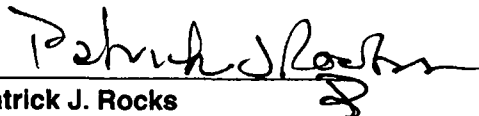
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

 **Approve as to legal form:**

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel