

September 27, 2006

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-1116-EX14**  
**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT  
 WITH THE URBAN PREP ACADEMY FOR YOUNG MEN CHARTER SCHOOL- ENGLEWOOD CAMPUS**

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

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School (Urban Prep) for a five-year period. The Charter School Agreement is currently being 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. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

This amendment is necessary to change the school's initial address from 6201 S. Stewart to 6130 S. Wolcott Avenue for the 2006-2007 school year. Following the end of the 2006-2007 school year, the charter school will be located at 6201 S. Stewart. A written amendment to the agreement is required. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment is not executed within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The amendment authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School  
 Englewood Campus  
~~6201 S. Stewart.~~ 6130 S. Wolcott Avenue  
 Chicago, IL ~~60624~~ 60636  
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**DESCRIPTION:** The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A *et seq.*) provides that up to 30 charter schools may be operated in the City of Chicago. Proposals to operate charter schools are submitted to the Board for evaluation pursuant to the standards set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27A-8, and the Board convenes a public meeting to obtain information to assist in its decision to grant or deny each proposal and report its action to the State Board of Education. The State Board determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed contract satisfy the provisions of the Charter Schools Law and, if so, certifies the charter school.

**CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL:** The Urban Prep proposal was submitted to the Chicago Board of Education on August 19, 2005. The mission of Urban Prep is to provide a high-quality and comprehensive college-preparatory educational experience to urban young men that results in graduates being admitted to and succeeding in college. The school will open in the fall of 2006 serving 160 students in grade 9. In successive years, the school will add grades 10-12 and will serve up to 598 students in grades 9-12. The school will be located at 6130 S. Wolcott Avenue for the 2006-2007 school year and in the subsequent years will relocate to operate at 6201 S. Stewart. A public hearing, as required by statute, was held on October 3, 2005. An additional public hearing was held on November 8, 2005. The cost of 160 students in 2006-07 will be approximately \$1,048,000. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts released on August 31, 2005.

**TERM:** The term of the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2006, and end June 30, 2011.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement which shall reflect

resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of the charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of Charter Schools ~~the Office of New Schools~~ to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the actions approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate, and execute any amendments to the Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY06 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**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 ~~July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3)~~ June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

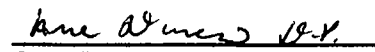
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted ~~September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3)~~ June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

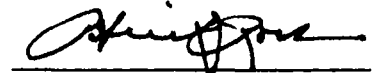
**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**John Malorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form** 

  
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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel