

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 07-0124-EX2**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-1115-EX4**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-0222-EX15**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-1026-EX2**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-0622-EX2**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 03-0225-EX07**  
**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
UNO CHARTER SCHOOL**

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

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Octavio Paz Charter School now known as UNO Charter School for an additional 5-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term 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 renewal is stated below.

This amendment is necessary to add an additional campus, increase enrollment, and to change the name of the charter school. A written Amendment to the Charter School Agreement is required. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed by the Board and the UNO Charter School Network governing board within 120 days of the date of this report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This second amendment is necessary to correct the address for the new campus to 5135 South California and to clarify the prior change in the name of the charter school.

This third amendment is necessary to add two additional campuses, increase the enrollment capacity of the Rufino Tamayo Campus located at 5135 South California, and increase the total enrollment capacity of UNO Charter School. A written Amendment to the Charter School Agreement is required. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed by the Board and the UNO Charter School Network governing board within 120 days of the date of this report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This November 2006 amendment is necessary to (a) authorize the UNO Charter School Network to add four new campuses in the fall of 2008, three to be located at 4248 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632 and the fourth to be located at 2916 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632, (b) increase the enrollment cap by 2,088 students to 4,210 students, and (c) change the grades served to K-12. Establishment of these four additional campuses and the corresponding changes to enrollment and grades served are contingent upon the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with UNO Charter School Network. A written Amendment to the Charter School 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 report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This fifth amendment is necessary to correct the start date for the Brighton Park Campus of the UNO Charter School Network, to be located at 2916 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632. It is anticipated that the Brighton Park Campus will open in the fall of 2007, serving grades K through 8.

This sixth amendment is necessary to change the name of the new campus authorized in November of 2006. The name of the UNO Charter School – Brighton Park Campus located at 2916 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street will be UNO Charter School – Officer Donald J. Marquez Campus. A written Amendment to the Charter School Agreement is required. The authority granted herein should automatically rescind in the event a written amendment is not executed within 120 days of this report. The amended agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-1217-EX2) is for a term commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2003. The agreement authorizes the operation of a two-facility Charter School serving students in grades K through 8. The campus serving K-3<sup>rd</sup> is located at 2651 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The campus serving 4<sup>th</sup> - 8th grades is located at 2401 W. Congress. The school has total current enrollment of approximately 800 students. The Agreement incorporates an accountability plan whereby the school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Octavio Paz Charter School submitted a renewal proposal on December 16, 2002 to continue the operation of the school under the same mission and educational programs at the same location(s). The proposal requests an increase in the maximum student enrollment to permit up to approximately 1060 students over two years beginning in 2004. The school seeks to add 100 K-8 students and 60 Pre-K students in 2004 and another 100 K-8 students in 2005. No increase in enrollment or cost to CPS would occur in 2003-04.

On June 6, 2005, the United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) filed a material modification to add an additional K-8 campus at 5135 South California. This campus will open in Fall 2005 and serve 250 K-8 students in year 1. The enrollment cap for UNO will increase by 250 students to 1310.

On December 13, 2005, the United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) filed a material modification to add two K-8 campuses and to increase the enrollment capacity of the Rufino Tamayo campus at 5135 South California. The Bartolome de Las Casas Campus, located at 1641 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, will open at full capacity in Fall 2006 and may serve up to 261 students. The Carlos Fuentes Campus, located at 2845 West Barry, will also open at full capacity in Fall 2006 and may serve up to 504 students. Additionally, the enrollment capacity for the Rufino Tamayo Campus will increase from 250 students to 297 students. The enrollment cap for UNO Charter School will increase by 812 students to 2122. In 2006-2007, the cost of 812 additional students would be approximately \$4,222,400. A public hearing, as required by statute, was held on February 15, 2006.

On September 5, 2006, UNO Charter School Network submitted a Renaissance 2010 proposal to establish four new campuses. It is anticipated that UNO Charter School – Archer Heights will house three campuses to be located at 4248 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632 . The three campuses to be located at 4248 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street are expected to open at full capacity in the fall of 2008 and each campus may serve up to 522 students. Two campuses—Archer Heights-North and Archer Heights-South—will be elementary campuses serving grades K – 8. The third campus at Archer Heights will serve grades 9 through 12. Altogether, Archer Heights will serve a total of 1,566 students. It is anticipated that UNO Charter School – Brighton Park Campus will be located at 2916 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60632. It is expected to open at full capacity in the fall of 2007 and may serve up to 522 students in grades K through 8. The enrollment cap for UNO Charter School will increase in the fall of 2007 by 522 students and in the fall of 2008 by 1566 students to 4,210. In 2007-2008, the cost of 522 additional students will be approximately \$3,243,570. In 2008-2009, the cost of 1566 additional students will be approximately \$10,417,140. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts released on October 12, 2006. Public hearings on Renaissance 2010 charter school submissions submitted in 2006, as required by statute, were

held on July 21, 2006 and October 18, 2006. An additional public hearing was held on November 7, 2006. The addition of the three campuses to open in the fall of 2008 and the corresponding changes to enrollment and grades served are contingent upon the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with UNO Charter School Network upon the expiration of this renewal term ending June 30, 2008.

On June 28, 2007, the UNO Charter School Network submitted a material modification to change the name of the UNO Charter School – Brighton Park Campus to UNO Charter School – Officer Donald J. Marquez Campus. The campus will be known as the UNO Charter School – Officer Donald J. Marquez Campus.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** The Charter School's Office Review Committee ("Committee") has reviewed and evaluated Octavio Paz's renewal proposal as well as the school's past academic, financial and operational performance. During the last school year, Octavio Paz satisfied its academic accountability requirements in all but one area. In reading, 41% of Octavio Paz students are at national norms and in math 49% of students are at national norms. In both subjects, Octavio Paz students achieved significantly more than a year of growth (1.35 and 1.35, respectively) in 2001-02. On the 2002 ISAT, 43% of students met or exceeded state standards, an increase of 14% over the prior year. The charter school performed better than CPS neighborhood schools on 6 of the 7 student performance measures reviewed. The Committee recommends, based on these accountability measures and results, that Octavio Paz be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of UNO's charter status is being extended for five (5) years commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2008.

**CONTINGENT APPROVAL:** The proposed addition of campuses to open in 2008 described in this November 2006 amendment is contingent upon i) the renewal of the Charter School Agreement and ii) the ability of UNO Charter School Network to meet benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools. These benchmarks were communicated to the UNO Charter School Network on November 13, 2006 with deadlines to meet by November 30, 2007. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines will be a consideration in the Board's review of the Charter School's proposal to renew the Charter Agreement to include these two additional campuses.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions 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 the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) 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 Charter School Agreement required by the Illinois State Board of Education. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a final review of this November 2006 amendment to add additional campuses and make a final determination on the granting of this amendment based on the terms referred to above.

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

**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 the current fiscal year are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of this Fall 2006 enrollment will be approximately \$11,034,400. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts released on August 31, 2005. The financial implications of the four new campuses to open in the fall of 2007 and 2008 will be addressed during the development of the 2007-2008 and

2008-2009 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 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.

**Approved:**

**Respectfully submitted:**



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**Within Appropriation:**

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 



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