

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS TO ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY FOR  
ILLINOIS VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITION FEES**

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

Authorize tuition payments to Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy who is administering the grant on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education for Illinois Virtual High School tuition fees for the Fall 2008, Spring 2009, and Summer 2009 semesters at a cost not to exceed \$250,000. Vendor was selected pursuant to Board Policy Section 605.11 (Granting Credit Toward High School Graduation For Courses Taken Through Internet-Based Delivery) and the relationship between the Illinois Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

**VENDOR:** Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy  
On behalf of the  
Illinois Virtual High School  
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Contact Person: Matthew Wicks  
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Vendor # 45678

**USER:** Office of High Schools and High School Programs  
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**PAYMENT PERIOD:** Tuition payments are authorized for IVHS course enrollments scheduled from September 2, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) is an Internet educational service delivering a wide range of quality high school class content using the Internet and related educational technologies to expand student access to challenging high school curricula aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. IVHS is managed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE has awarded a grant to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA), a founding partner of the IVHS, for the complete and sole administration of the IVHS.

**PARTICIPANTS:** There have been over 6000 enrollments over the past 5 years. The enrollments were doubling each year until 2006 due to a cap by IVHS; however, CPS had 1631 enrolled in 75 courses this year with an average 75% success rate for the past two years. IVHS will provide some scholarships based upon Free and Reduced Lunch percentages at schools and enrollment numbers. Tuition is not billed until after a published last day-to-drop date.

**OUTCOMES:** This program will result in tuition being paid for students district-wide taking online classes meeting their individual educational needs.

**COMPENSATION:** Tuition payments (\$225 (increase anticipated) per course per semester per participant in fall and spring terms and \$195 summer term) to vendor during the payment period shall not exceed \$250,000.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The Chief Officer of High School Programs is authorized to direct payments to be made to the vendor as costs are incurred.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 5.2 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, tuition payment contracts are exempt from M/WBE review.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of High School Programs: \$250,000 Fiscal Year: 2009  
Budget Classification: 13722-115-54305-110004-000000

**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.

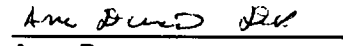
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
**Chief Education Officer** *BEW*


**Approved:**

  
**Arne Duncan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
**Pedro Martinez**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Approve as to legal form:** *PR*

  
**Patrick J. Rocks**  
**General Counsel** *PR*