

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS TO KC DISTANCE LEARNING d/b/a AVENTA LEARNING, INC
FOR ONLINE TUITION FEES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to KC Distance Learning d/b/a Aventa Learning, Inc for tuition fees for the Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009 semesters at a cost not to exceed \$135,000. 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 previous experience with the Chicago Public Schools' Distance Learning Program. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

VENDOR: KC Distance Learning dba Aventa Learning
650 NE Holladay Street Suite 1440
Portland, Oregon 97232
Contact Person: Jim Benitez
Phone: 503-731-5401
Vendor # 86061

USER: Graduation Pathways / CPS-VHS Distance Learning
Office of High Schools and High School Programs
125 S. Clark, 12th floor
Chicago, IL 60603
David G. Gilligan
(773) 553-3540

PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for Aventa course enrollments scheduled from June 30, 2008 through June 29, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Aventa Learning 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 National and Illinois Learning Standards. Over 1000 virtual schools, charter schools, State Departments of Education, and school districts across the U.S. use Aventa to extend the breadth and depth of their educational programs and accommodate students' unique scheduling needs.

PARTICIPANTS: This summer, Graduation Pathways will serve 600 students in an online credit recovery summer school pilot program. CPS-VHS Distance Learning will serve 1,000 – 2,000 students using Aventa courses. Success rates for online courses have been over 75%. Tuition costs range from \$200 per student for online curriculum alone or up to \$300 per student annually with an Aventa teacher. Aventa Learning will provide reduced rates with volume. Tuition includes course materials.

OUTCOMES: This program will result in tuition paid for online curriculum for students taking online classes within the Graduation Pathways Online Credit Recovery Pilot and the CPS-VHS Distance Learning district-wide program, meeting their individual educational needs and Office of High Schools and High School Program requirements.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments (\$200 per participant in fall, spring, and summer terms when licensing only the curriculum and \$299 per participant for courses taught by Aventa teachers) to vendor during the payment period shall not exceed \$135,000.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise, contract participation (M/WBE) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition payments.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report (new school).

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High Schools and High School Programs
Department of Graduation Pathways
Fiscal Year: 2009
Budget Classifications: 13722-115-54305-110004-000000: \$ 20,000
13722-332-54305-211209-430067: \$115,000

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.

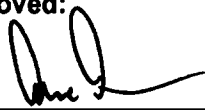
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer *HW*

Approved:



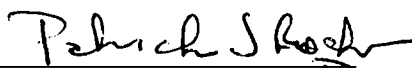
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: *PR*



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel *PR*