

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS TO KC DISTANCE LEARNING DBA AVENTA LEARNING, INC
FOR ONLINE TUITION FEES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to KC Distance Learning dba Aventa Learning, Inc for tuition fees for the Fall, 2009, Spring, 2010, and Summer, 2010 semesters at a cost not to exceed \$400,000. 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
920 Central Rd.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Contact Person: Jim Benitez, Pres.
Phone: 800-594-5480
Vendor # 83061

USER: Graduation Pathways / CPS-VHS Distance Learning
Office of High Schools and High School Programs
125 S. Clark, 12th floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Paige A. Ponder
(773) 553-2078

PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for Aventa course enrollments scheduled from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

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: Enrollment is based upon school and students needs; we expect to serve 3000 students this year. Last year there were 1500 online enrollments within Chicago Public Schools provided by Aventa Learning through the CPS-VHS and the Freshmen-on Pace programs with a success rate averaging 70- 75%. Since IVHS no longer exists, Aventa Learning will be offering supplemental as well as credit recovery courses to meet our needs. Tuition costs range from \$2000 per block of 10 annual seats for online credit recovery or \$299 per student per course with an Aventa teacher.

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 in fall, spring, and summer terms range from \$2000 per block of 10 annual seats for online credit recovery to \$299 per student per course with an Aventa teacher. The total shall not exceed \$400,000 during the payment period. CPS will benefit from volume pricing.

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 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: 2010
Budget Classifications: 13722-115-54305-110004-000000: \$400,000

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:



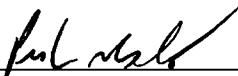
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

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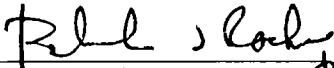
Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel