

**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL
AGREEMENT WITH INSTITUTE FOR LATINO PROGRESS, INC.,
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with Institute for Latino Progress, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation 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 the time specified in an amended Board Report approving the location of the school. 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.

SCHOOL OPERATOR: Institute for Latino Progress, Inc.,
2570 S. Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60608
Phone: 773-890-0055
Contact Person: Juan Salgado, President and Chief Executive Officer

CHARTER SCHOOL: Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy Charter High School
Location TBD
Phone: 773-890-0055
Contact Person: Juan Salgado, President and Chief Executive Officer

OVERSIGHT: Office of New Schools
125 S. Clark, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
773-553-1530
Contact Person: Jaime Guzman, Acting Executive Officer

DESCRIPTION: The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-1 et seq., as amended) provides that up to 70 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 Illinois 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 Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy Charter High School (Instituto) proposal was submitted by Institute for Latino Progress, Inc., and received by the Board on August 10, 2009. Instituto's mission is to focus its high school programs to serve Latino and other underserved youth within the Chicago metropolitan area. The school will prepare its students to achieve two goals: (1) success in competitive colleges and universities, and (2) job readiness certification in entry-level positions with higher wages in the healthcare sector. Instituto's vision is an educational community with full integration and participation of faculty, students, staff, parents and partners in decisions that share the school's existence. Students will take responsibility for their learning process and as they learn the meaning of being healthy physically, emotionally, and socially, they make better life choices as citizens and activists, while conveying such knowledge to their families, peers, educators, employers and extended community. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2010 serving 160 students in grade 9. In successive years, the school will grow one grade at a time, until reaching a capacity of 600 students in grades 9 – 12. The school will be located at a site to be determined and is contingent upon Board approval. Public hearings on Renaissance 2010 charter school submissions submitted in 2009, as required by statute, were held on September 10, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: Approval to open this charter school in the fall of 2010 and the execution of a Charter School Agreement are contingent upon Board approval of the proposed location of the school and the required subsequent public hearing. Approval of the opening of the new charter school is also contingent upon Institute for Latino Progress, Inc., meeting benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school operator in a formal Letter of Conditions with all deadlines to be met by March 15, 2010. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein and the denial of the approval to open this new charter school.

TERM: The term of the Instituto charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2015.

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, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Acting Executive Officer 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 Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY10 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of 160 students in 2010-2011 will be approximately \$1,223,520.00. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts for FY10.

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, 2006 (96-0626-P03), 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:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Christina Herzog
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel 