

**DENY CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSALS****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

That the Board deny the charter school proposals from the Institute for School Excellence to open Eunoia Charter School of Excellence South Shore and the Eunoia Charter School of Excellence Pullman

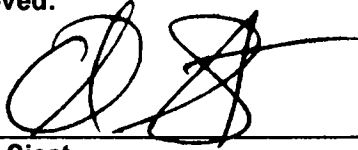
**DESCRIPTION:** In April 2011 the Board made available a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit responses from parties interested in starting charter and contract schools in Chicago. RFQ proposals to operate new schools were submitted to the Board on June 3, 2011. Full business plans for qualified RFQ applicants were submitted on August 22, 2011. Proposals were evaluated through a rigorous process that included document review and panel interviews by internal and external charter school experts. The Office of New Schools and Programs evaluated 28 RFQ proposals and 8 full proposals for new schools.

The RFQ proposal for two Eunoia School of Excellence Charter Schools was reviewed by internal and external experts who deemed it did not meet the requirements identified in the evaluation rubric to signify the potential to open high quality new schools. In response to the denial of the RFQ, Eunoia worked with the Illinois State Board of Education to submit two full proposals to the Office of New Schools and Programs. Those full proposals were received on August 23, 2011.

A public hearing to review the two Eunoia charter school proposals was held on March 15, 2012. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

**AUTHORIZATION:** For the charter school proposals received under the 2011 RFQ process, authorize the Portfolio Officer to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder.

Approved:



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**Oliver Sicat**  
Chief Portfolio Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



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**Jean Claude Brizard**  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



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**David G. Watkins**  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: *JC*



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