

May 27, 2015

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING AGREEMENT  
FOR SERVICES AT GEORGE W. CURTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Authorize the renewal of a School Management Consulting Agreement with the Academy for Urban School Leadership ("AUSL") to continue to provide school turnaround services at George W. Curtis Elementary ("Curtis") at no cost to the Board. A written renewal agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event the renewal agreement is not executed by the Board and AUSL within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this Renewal agreement is stated below:

**CONSULTANT:** Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL)  
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Contact Person: Dr. Donald Feinstein  
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Chicago, Illinois 60603  
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Contact Person: Denise Little

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original School Management Consulting Agreement (authorized by the Board Report 10-0324-EX5) was for a term commencing April 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015 and authorized AUSL to provide school turnaround services at Curtis.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of this agreement is being renewed for a period to commence July 1, 2015 and shall end June 30, 2018, unless terminated earlier by the Board.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** AUSL will continue to provide school turnaround services at Curtis which shall include the following:

1. Conduct principal recruitment and make recommendations to the CEO regarding principal selection and appointment should a vacancy occur during the term of this agreement;
2. Conduct staff recruitment and make recommendations to the principal regarding selection of CPS teachers and master teachers to serve at Curtis should vacancies occur during the term of this agreement;
3. Provide curriculum development support services to implement a standards-based, assessment-aligned curriculum;
4. Provide principal with assistance and support to implement data-driven instruction, utilizing interim assessments, both Learning First and local assessments, to inform pedagogy and professional development;
5. Provide principal with assistance and support to implement various after-school and extracurricular activities for students;
6. Assist the principal in providing parental involvement initiatives;

7. Assist the principal and the Local School Council to develop and implement a School Improvement Plan annually;
8. Provide a full-time professional field coach at Curtis who will provide ongoing school management consulting and professional development;
9. Provide enhanced fundraising opportunities to support implementation of school initiatives

**DELIVERABLES:** AUSL will continue to furnish such additional information and reports to the Office of Network Support as necessary to evaluate AUSL's school turnaround services. The Office of Network Support and AUSL will work together to create a turnaround accountability plan.

**OUTCOMES:** AUSL's services will result in improved teaching and student learning and shall accelerate student achievement at Curtis. Curtis will continue to be held to the district's academic performance policy, and will also be evaluate annually based on the specific outcomes, school progress goals, and benchmarks identified in the renewal agreement.

**COMPENSATION:** AUSL services will be provided at no cost to the Board.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written renewal agreement.

**FINANCIAL:** AUSL services will be provided at no cost to the Board.

**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.

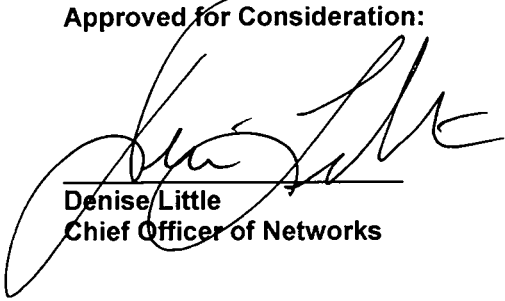
Conflicts – The Agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 2006 (96-0626-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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made part of the Agreement.

Contingent Liability – Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. 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).

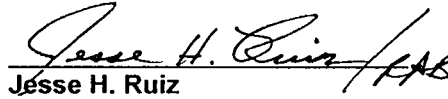
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Denise Little  
Chief Officer of Networks

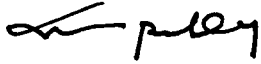
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Jesse H. Ruiz  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



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James Bebley  
General Counsel