

**AUTHORIZE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENTS WITH LEAD PARTNERS FOR  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the first renewal agreements with Lead Partners for school improvement and support services to schools receiving a federal School Improvement Grant (SIG) at a total aggregate cost not to exceed \$850,000 per school awarded SIG per fiscal year. Through a procurement process, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has established and maintains an approved list of qualified vendors to serve as Lead Partners for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that have been awarded SIG pursuant to Title I, Section 1003(g), of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. As a condition of receiving SIG, LEAs are legally required to contract with ISBE-approved Lead Partners to provide school improvement and support services to schools receiving SIG funds. In accordance with Board Rule 7-2.2(d), the Board of Education of the City of Chicago is authorized to enter into contracts with ISBE-approved Lead Partners for the provision of school improvement and support services to SIG schools. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by and no payment shall be made to any Lead Partner during the option period prior to the execution of the written document. Information pertinent to the agreements with Lead Partners is stated below.

**VENDORS:**

The list of ISBE-approved Lead Partners in existence on the date of this Board Report and in the future is incorporated by reference. A Lead Partner desiring to work with the Board will obtain a vendor number as required by Board policy.

**USER INFORMATION:**

13740 - OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES  
42 W. Madison St  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Krish Mohip  
773-553-6608

**ORIGINAL TERM:**

The original agreements (authorized Board report 14-0625-EX7) for a term commencing upon execution and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 with the Board having two options to renew for one year terms.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The agreement is being renewed for one year and two months in order to match the ISBE grant cycle, which includes a two month (July-August) Grant Amendment period every year; the renewal term will be for a period commencing July 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2016.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There is one option period remaining for a period of one year.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement at any time with written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The Office of Strategic School Support Services (OS4) oversees all CPS schools receiving SIG. All SIG schools are required to work with a Lead Partner during the term of the grant. Lead Partners will continue to provide SIG schools with the comprehensive and coherent supports and services they require to dramatically improve and sustain student achievement. Lead Partners will continue to collaborate with

SIG schools to engage in regular needs assessments, improve the quality of the instructional program, provide job-embedded professional development, develop and support the implementation of a family and community engagement plan and institute a systematic process for identifying and providing structured academic and social-emotional support for at-risk students. Lead Partners will continue to maintain a daily presence at the schools and provide services throughout the duration of the grant.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Lead Partners will continue to provide schools with the following services and supports: (1) high quality, differentiated and job-embedded professional development that builds internal capacity and improves teaching and learning; (2) a coherent and rigorous instructional program that is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and includes curriculum maps, pacing charts and interim assessments; (3) the development and implementation of a strategic school design model that meets the needs of all learners and that is supported by an aligned master schedule; (4) a multi-tiered system of support for students needing academic and social-emotional interventions; (5) a system for monitoring whether students are on track to graduate; and (6) a family and community engagement plan that enlists the support and commitment of all school stakeholders and empowers parents, guardians, community groups and Local School Council members to improve student achievement.

**OUTCOMES:**

Lead Partners are expected to build schools' internal capacity to increase and sustain student achievement. As a result of the work of Lead Partners, SIG schools should experience an increase in the score and percentage of students meeting or exceeding academic performance expectations as measured by state, district and interim assessments. SIG schools should also report an increase in student enrollment in higher level courses, including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses and dual enrollment programs. Finally, SIG schools should report an increase in student attendance and a decrease in truancy; a decrease in student misconducts; and a decrease in the dropout rate, an increase in the graduation rate and greater post-graduate success of students.

**COMPENSATION:**

Lead Partners shall be paid as specified in their agreements for a total not to exceed \$850,000 per school per 14 month renewal term.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

None.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written options. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Chief Officer of OS4 to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the options agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this Board Report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Charge up to \$850,000 to each school unit per term

Fund: 367 School Improvement Grant

Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

CFDA#: Not Applicable

**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 Chicago 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.

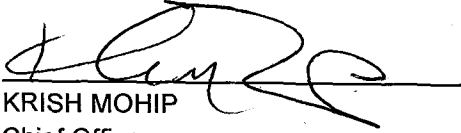
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their 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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

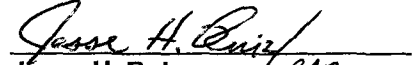
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).


Approved for Consideration:

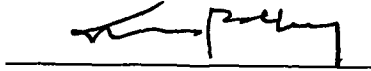


KRISH MOHIP  
Chief Officer  
Office of Strategic School Support Services

Approved:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse H. Ruiz *RAB*  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



JAMES L. BEBLEY  
General Counsel