# APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with the Alternative Safe Schools identified below to provide educational services to students who have been expelled from school or referred by the building principal for displaying chronic disruptive behaviors at a cost not to exceed \$3,772,752.00 in the aggregate. These schools were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. Written agreements for each school's services are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any school prior to the execution of such schools written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each school in the event a written agreement is not executed by such school within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 05-250071

#### **ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOLS:**

 Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI) 222 S. Jefferson Chicago, Illinois 60661 Contact: Terra Thomas, Ph.D (312) 441-9009 Vendor # 25627

 Richard Milburn High School, Inc. 27 Congress Street Salem, Massachusetts 01970 Contact: Donna Eldridge Robert H. Crosby (978) 741-7161 Vendor # 24596

 Prologue Alternative High School 640 W. Irving Park Road Chicago, Illinois 60614 Contact: Nancy Jackson (773) 935-9925 Vendor # 24429

**USER:** Office of Specialized Services 125 S. Clark – 8<sup>th</sup> floor Chicago, Illinois 60603 Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell (773) 553-1800

**TERM:** The term of each agreement shall commence on August 1, 2006 and shall end July 31, 2008. Each agreement shall have 3 options to renew for periods of 1 year each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement with 30 days written notice.

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**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Alternative Safe Schools will provide educational programs for students who commit CPS Uniform Discipline 5 or 6 offenses and as a result are expelled for a minimum of 45 days to a maximum of 2 years. The primary goal of this program is to return students to the regular education setting at CPS. Schools are contracted to provide educational services and behavioral interventions that will increase academic performance and decrease inappropriate behaviors by implementing academic curriculum, social/behavior interventions, vocational and career training opportunities, and life-skills training that are effective, creative, and innovative.

# **DELIVERABLES:**

Deliverable	Delivery Date
a) Attendance Reports (Teachers Monthly Summary)	Due the 5 <sup>th</sup> of each month for the prior month
b) Quarterly grade reports	Due 5 days after the end of each quarter
<ul> <li>c) Semester grade reports- must include transcripts for high school students earning credits toward graduation</li> </ul>	Due before the end of the semester. OSS staff will inform schools of specific date (Due before PRCUP is blocked)
d) End of Year Report	Due 10 days after the end of each regular School Year
e) School Improvement Plan	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
f) School-wide Behavior Management Plan	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
g) Evacuation Plan	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
h) Parent Orientation Packet (sample)	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
i) Student Orientation Packet (sample)	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
j) Course Descriptions for High School Program	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
k) Staff Development Plans and Activity Dates	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
I) Yearly School Calendar	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
m) School Organizational Chart	Due at least 15 days prior to the start of each School Year
n) Actual Expenditure/Budget Report for each School, along with the overall operating budget for each school	Due on or before 16th of October for each year that the Agreement is in place or within 45 calendar days of the actual termination or expiration date

#### **OUTCOMES:**

- (1) Alternative Safe Schools students will receive a full academic program in an alternative setting.
- (2) Students will earn academic credit toward high school graduation, complete requirements for elementary school graduation, and/or advance in grade level.
- (3) Students will improve school attendance, reduce disruptive behavior, attain and/or maintain employment, and give back to the community through service learning and restorative justice

**COMPENSATION:** Each school shall be paid as follows: HRDI shall be paid a per diem of \$55.58 for each reserved student slot, not to exceed \$10,004.40 per student during the regular school year and \$2,223.20 per student during the summer session, if the school provides services during the summer. Milburn shall be paid a per diem of \$47.23 for each reserved student slot, not to exceed \$8,500.00 per student during the regular school year and \$1,889.20 per student during the summer session, if the school provides services during the summer. Prologue shall be paid a per diem of \$50.00 for each reserved student slot, not to exceed \$9,000.00 per student during the regular school year \$2,000.00 per student

during the summer session, if the school provides services during the summer. The per diem rates for each reserved student slot and the maximum amount paid for each reserved student slot during the regular school year and during summer session shall be negotiated prior to the start of each renewal period. The total compensation paid to all Providers shall not exceed the sum of \$3,772,752.00 in the aggregate.

### **REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None**

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7.4 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Economic Participation (M/WBE Plan), the participation goal provisions of the plan do not apply to transactions where the vendor is a not-for-profit organization. Services herein classify as an instance where the unique nature of the items makes it inappropriate to apply vendor selection criteria.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Specialized Services: \$3,772,752.00

Budget Classification: 0966-239-\*759-7090-5560 - \$3,609,752.00 Fiscal Year: 2007

Source of Funds: 239 Government/Regional Safe Schools Program Grant

Budget Classification: 1120-234-\*703-6231-5560 - \$163,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2007

Source of Funds: 234 Government/SGSA

\*Project number subject to change in subsequent fiscal years

# **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 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:** 

Heather A. Obora Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:

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Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Patrick J. Rocks General Counsel Approved:

Arne Duncan

**Chief Executive Officer**