

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS TO ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY FOR
ILLINOIS VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITION FEES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, who is administering the grant on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, for Illinois Virtual High School tuition fees for the Fall, 2007, Spring, 2008, and Summer, 2008 semesters at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. Vendor was selected pursuant to Board Policy Section 605.11 (Granting Credit Toward High School Graduation For Courses Taken Through Internet-Based Delivery) and the relationship between the Illinois Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

VENDOR: Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)
1500 W. Sullivan Road
Aurora, IL. 60506
Contact Person: Matthew Wicks
Phone: (630) 907-5936
Vendor # 45678

USER: Office of High Schools and High School Programs
125 S. Clark Street, 12th Floor
Contact Person: David G. Gilligan
Phone: (773) 553-3540

PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) courses enrollments scheduled from September 4, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: IVHS is an Internet educational service delivering a wide range of quality high school class content using the Internet and related educational technologies to expand student access to challenging high school curricula aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. IVHS is managed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE has awarded a grant to IMSA, a founding partner of the IVHS, for the complete and sole administration of the IVHS.

PARTICIPANTS: There have been almost 5000 enrollments over the past 4 years. The enrollments were doubling each year until 2006 due to a cap by IVHS; however, CPS had almost 1000 enrolled in 75 courses this year with a 75% - 82% success rate for fall, 2006 through fall 2007. IVHS will provide some scholarships based upon the Free and Reduced Lunch percentages of students at the local schools and enrollments in IVHS. Tuition is not billed until after IVHS's published census date.

OUTCOMES: This program will result in tuition being paid for students taking online classes to meet their individual educational needs.

COMPENSATION: Tuition payments (\$225 per course per semester per participant in fall and spring terms and \$195 summer term) to Vendor during the payment period shall not exceed \$300,000.

AUTHORIZATION: The Chief Officer of High School Programs is authorized to direct payments to be made to the Vendor as costs are incurred.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 5.2.3 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE plan), this contract is exempt as tuition payments are excluded from M/WBE review.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High School Programs: \$250,000 Fiscal Year: 2008
Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-2067-5560

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, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

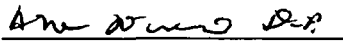
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:


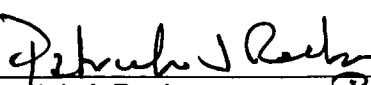
Approved:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer *HW*


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: 

Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel *3*