APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH CAMELOT SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an Alternative Safe School Program Agreement with Camelot Schools to provide educational services to students eligible for expulsion under the CPS Student Code of Conduct. This provider was selected on a competitive basis through the 2013 Request for Alternative Options issued by the Board on January 29, 2013. A written agreement for the program's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by the provider and no payment shall be made to the provider prior to the execution of provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed by the Board and the provider within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

PROVIDER: Camelot Schools

201 Lindenwood, Suite 211 Malvern, PA 19355 Phone: (215) 416-6739 Contact: Joseph Carter

OVERSIGHT: Alternative Network

4655 S. Dearborn St., Room #309A

Chicago, Illinois 60609 Phone: (773) 535-8500

Contact: Jennifer D. Vidis, Chief of Schools

TERM: The term of the Alternative Safe School Program Agreement shall commence July 1, 2013 and end on June 30, 2018.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Alternative Safe School Program will provide an educational program for students who are eligible for expulsion under the Chicago Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. Students will receive a full academic program where credits can be earned toward high school graduation, complete requirements for elementary school graduation and/or advancement in grade level. Additionally, students will receive behavior supports and interventions. 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. Camelot Schools will be approved to serve up to 200 students in the 2013-2014 school year.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreement. Authorize the Chief of Alternative Network to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: Funding for the program services will be consistent with per pupil funding models used by the Board for charter and contract schools. However, there will be a floor of 150 seats that will be funded regardless of enrollment. The details of the financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budget.

The Alternative Safe School Program will be jointly funded by CPS from General Funds and the Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP) Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. Funding from the RSSP

Grant will be applied to cover agreed upon per pupil funding and the approved number of reserved seats for the Alternative Safe School Program with the difference being covered by General Funds.

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-P03), 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:

Jennifer D. Vidis

Chief of Schools, Alternative Network

Approved as to Legal Form:

James L. Bebley General Counsel Approved:

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Chief Executive Officer