

APPROVE REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS PROPOSALS**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the Request for Alternative Options proposals identified in Appendix A.

DESCRIPTION: In January 2013 the Board made available the Request for Alternative Options ("RFP") to solicit responses from parties interested in starting or expanding school or programs to serve out-of-school youth or students at-risk of academic failure. School and program proposals were submitted on March 18, 2013. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards and criteria set forth in the RFP and Framework for Evaluation for the RFP.

A Public Hearing to review proposals was held on May 2, 2013. The RFP proposals indicated in Appendix A are hereby approved.

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: Final authorization of any proposals approved herein is contingent upon the school operators meeting benchmarks identified by the Office of New Schools and the Alternative Network, including, but not limited to, the identification of a school site. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school operators in a formal Letter of Conditions with all deadlines to be met by November 1, 2013.

FINANCIAL: Start up and incubation costs for the proposed schools will be addressed in the development of the FY14 budget. Operating costs for the proposed schools will be addressed in the development of the FY15 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 budgets.

SELECT DATE. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein.

AUTHORIZATION: For the charter school proposal approved under the 2013 Request for Alternative Options process, authorize the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder.

Approved:



Jennifer D. Vidis
Chief of Schools

Respectfully Submitted:



Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



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APPENDIX A: REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO BE APPROVED

Name	Type	Grades	# of Schools	Opening
Pathways in Education	Multi-site Alternative Charter	9-12	4 campuses	2014-2015
Camelot	Contract School	9-12	2 schools	2014-2015