APPROVE ENTERING INTO AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS CHARTER SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into amended Charter School Agreements with the schools listed herein to incorporate revisions to their Charter School Accountability Plans. Written amended charter school agreements are currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Charter School in the event such amended Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the Charter School's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The amended Charter School Agreements authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

CHARTER SCHOOLS:

- Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School c/o Academy for Global Citizenship 4647 West 47th Street Chicago, IL 60632 Phone: 773-582-1100 Contact: Sarah Elizabeth Ippel Term: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015
- Alain Locke Charter School 3141 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60612 Phone: (773) 265-7230 Contact Person: Claire Hartfield Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014
- Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School 8 West Root Street Chicago, IL 60651 Phone: (773) 535-1459 Contact Person: Phyllis Goodson Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016
- Catalyst Charter School Howland c/o Catalyst Schools 5608 West Washington Boulevard Chicago, IL 60644 Phone: (773) 295-7001 Contact Person: Gordon Hannon Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2015
- 5. Catalyst Elementary Charter School –
 Circle Rock
 c/o Catalyst Schools
 5608 West Washington Boulevard
 Chicago, IL 60644
 Phone: (773) 295-7001
 Contact Person: Gordon Hannon

Term: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2015

- Catalyst Charter School Maria c/o Catalyst Schools 5608 West Washington Boulevard Chicago, IL 60644 Phone: (773) 295-7001 Contact Person: Gordon Hannon Term: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017
- 7. Chicago Math and Science Academy 7212 North Clark Chicago, IL 60626 Phone: (773) 761-8960 Contact Person: Aydin Kara Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014
- Chicago Virtual Charter School 38 S. Peoria Chicago, IL 60607 Phone: (312) 267-4486 Contact Person: Stephanie Hargrens Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016
- Erie Elementary Charter School 1405 North Washtenaw Chicago, IL 60622 Phone: (773) 486-7161 Contact Person: Velia Soto Term: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015
- Galapagos Charter School
 3814 West Iowa Street
 Chicago, IL 60651
 Phone: (773) 384-9400
 Contact Person: Michael Lane
 Term: July 1, 2010 June 30, 2015

Kwame Nkrumah Charter Academy
 8524 South Green Street
 Chicago, IL 60620
 Phone: 773-548-6675
 Contact: Dr. Iva Carruthers

Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016

 L.E.A.R.N. Charter School 212 South Francisco Avenue Chicago, IL 60612 Phone: (773) 826-0370 Contact Person: Greg White Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016

Legacy Charter School
 4217 West 18th Street
 Chicago, IL 60623
 Phone: (773) 542-1640
 Contact Person: Lisa Kenner
 Term: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015

Namaste Charter School
 3737 S. Paulina Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60609
 Phone: (773) 715-9558
 Contact Person: Allison Slade

Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014

 Noble Network of Charter Schools 1010 North Noble Street Chicago, IL 60622 Phone: (773) 862-1449 Contact Person: Michael Milkie Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014

Polaris Charter Academy
 North Sawyer
 Chicago, IL 60624
 Phone: (773) 534-0820
 Contact Person: Michelle Navarre
 Term: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017

 Providence Englewood Charter School c/o Providence Englewood School Corporation 6515 S. Ashland Chicago, IL 60636 Phone: (773) 434-0202 Contact Person: Angela Johnson-Williams Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

18. Rowe Elementary Charter School c/o Northwestern University Settlement Association 1400 West Augusta Boulevard Chicago, IL 60642 Phone: (773) 278-7471 Contact Person: Ron Manderschied

Term: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015

OVERSIGHT:

Office of Innovation and Incubation 125 S. Clark Street, 10th Floor Chicago, IL 60603

Phone: (773) 553-1530

Contact Person: Jack Elsev, Chief Officer

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL: The Office of Innovation and Incubation proposes to amend the existing Charter School Agreements for the aforementioned schools to adopt revisions to their Accountability Plans. Each elementary school's Accountability Plan for SY 2013-2014, based on data collected during SY 2012-2013, has been revised to align with the new ISAT cut points, similar to the School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy approved by the Board in April 2013 (13-0424-PO2). The execution of amended Charter School Agreements will further the goal of uniformity in performance measurement, accountability and other terms and conditions among all Charter Schools.

TERM: Each amended Charter School Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2013 and shall end on the date set forth in each Charter School's current agreement.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions in the written amended Charter School Agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written amended Charter School Agreements. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of New Schools and Innovative Models to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s)

approved hereunder and to submit the signed amended Charter School Agreements to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification.

LSC REVIEW: Approval of Local School Councils is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: There are no financial implications with respect to the amended Charter School Agreements. The financial implications of the operation of the Charter Schools listed herein are addressed in the Board Reports specific to each Charter School.

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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:

Jack Elsey
Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

Barbara Byrd-Bennett Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

James Bebley General Counsel