



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

25-0424-EX14

**Agenda Date: 4/24/2025**

### **AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE PROVIDENCE ENGLEWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

Authorize renewal of the Providence Englewood Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") for an additional two-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written 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 agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Renewal and any related contracts must be executed by the current contract's expiration date in order for first-quarter funding to be released for the new contract term. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 06-0322-EX5) was for a term commencing August 31, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011, and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 500 students in grades K through 8. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014 (authorized by Board Report 11-0323-EX10). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017 (authorized by Board Report 14-0226-EX10). The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020 (authorized by Board Report 16-1207-EX13). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025 (authorized by Board Report 20-0122-EX9).

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Providence Englewood School Corporation submitted a renewal proposal on July 31, 2024, to continue the operation of Providence Englewood Charter School ("Providence Englewood"). The charter school shall continue to be located at 6515 S. Ashland Avenue and shall continue to serve grades K through 8 with a maximum enrollment of 500 students.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation

conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Providence Englewood's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on February 4, 2025, for all charter schools going through renewal to receive public comments, including Providence Englewood. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, Providence Englewood be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of Providence Englewood's charter and agreement is being extended for a two (2) year term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The following conditions shall be incorporated into the Charter Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and Providence Englewood Charter School:

- Due to its Summative Designation, the school must participate in the Innovation & Incubation Academic Support process. This process requires schools to complete a Self-Reflection template, the District-managed Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), and participate in joint progress monitoring and Continuous Improvement activities. The Academic Support process runs annually, offering schools the opportunity to exit based on criteria defined by Innovation and Incubation. Schools not meeting the annual exit criteria will remain in Academic Support until they meet them.
- On an annual basis throughout the term, the network must provide a summary of discipline practices, including staff training and multi-tiered interventions and restorative strategies implemented, and an end-of-year update on the progress and results of its discipline practices, with a demonstrated reduction in ISS and OSS.
- The school must demonstrate progress toward implementing the Recommendations codified in the Special Education Renewal Site Visit Report by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).
- On an annual basis throughout the term, the school must ensure that staff is properly certified and trained to administer the WIDA Screener and ACCESS assessment for English Learner students.
- By July 1st, 2025, and annually throughout the term, no one person shall hold a directorship and an executive position or other position with substantial financial decision-making authority.

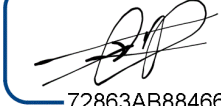
**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate and execute any amendments to the Charter School Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2025-26 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY25 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.


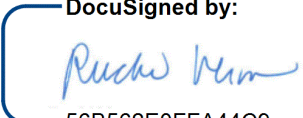
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