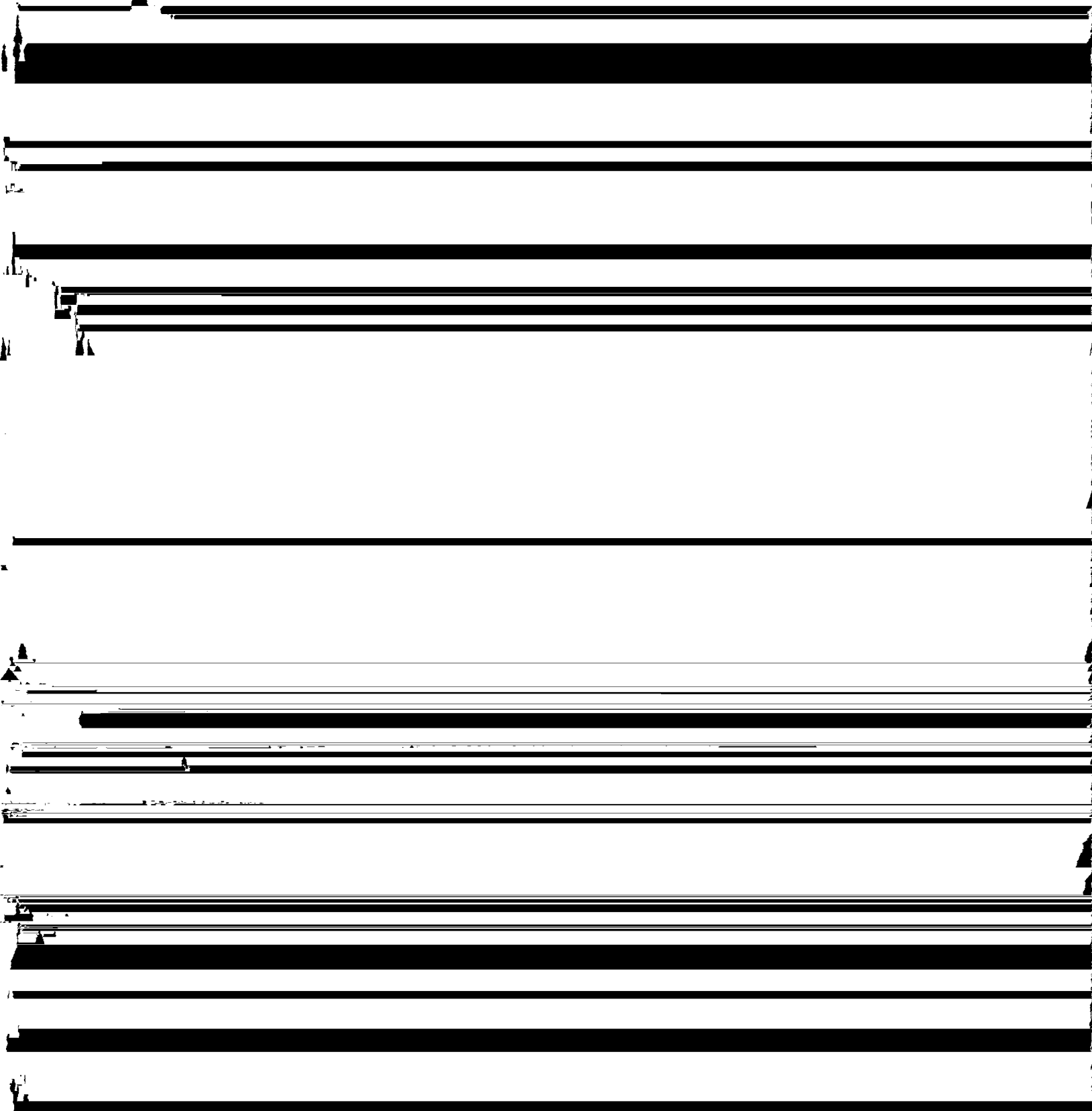


July 26, 2006

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ASPIRA, INC, BANNER SCHOOLS,  
AND PATHWAYS IN EDUCATION-ILLINOIS  
FOR LEARNING IN NEW COMMUNITIES SCHOOLS SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into agreements with Aspira, Inc, Banner Schools and Pathways in Education-Illinois to provide learning in New Communities (LNC) Schools to the Office of High School Programs at as follows:



- Administer academic progress and other assessments as described by the Board, in the Board's sole discretion (Board will provide test booklets, training and scoring for mandated state and local tests.)
- Provide areas in school conducive to learning separate from the lunch and other activity rooms
- Provide sufficient staff (teacher aides, security and etc.) to effectively manage, support and educate students consistent with their needs
- Program will have special component dedicated to truancy with attempts to increase attendance of students and decrease truancy problems
- ~~Students will demonstrate academic gains while attending LINC schools~~

- Provide and administer mutually agreed upon assessments of progress in reading and mathematics at the end of school year for all students to assess individual student progress
- Provide to Office of High School Programs semester transcripts for each student enrolled in the LINC schools
- Provide monthly attendance summaries to Office of High School Program Staff
- Provide list to graduates to Office of High School Programs at the end of each school year

**OUTCOMES:** Vendors will ensure that:

- Students make a minimum of six months growth on standardized achievement tests
- Student attendance rate is 80%
- Students earn a minimum of 6 credits per academic year
- Students have a post-secondary plan upon graduation

**COMPENSATION:** Each vendor will be allocated a certain number of seats and will be paid a negotiated rate

for these seats, not to exceed the sum of \$5,373,000.00 over a two year period. Each agreement will contain ~~provisions that the Board may increase or decrease the number of seats by giving the vendor thirty (30) days~~

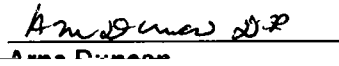
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:

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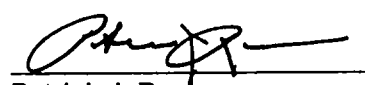
  
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Within Appropriation:

  
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Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form 

  
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General Counsel