

AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-1026-PO2
ADOPT A NEW POLICY TO ESTABLISH RENAISSANCE SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board of Education (the "Board") amend its Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools.

POLICY TEXT:

I. Purpose and Goals

The Board believes that it can enhance educational quality and opportunities for Chicago students

families and educators by establishing a variety of public schools that are guided by high, rigorous standards for academic performance that are expressly stated in binding performance agreements or

- a. For Charter Schools: Each Charter School shall enter into a Charter School Agreement that, upon execution, shall be binding on the school's governing body. All Charter School proposals approved by the Board shall be subject to final certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Only nonprofit organizations are eligible to submit a Charter School proposal.
 - b. For Contract Schools: Each Contract School shall enter into a Performance Agreement that upon execution, shall be binding on the school's governing body. Only nonprofit organizations are eligible to submit a Contract School proposal.
 - c. For Performance Schools: Each Performance School proposal must include a description of how the Performance School will operate, how it intends to utilize any autonomies, how it will be held accountable and a set of standards for achieving certain specified outcomes. The Performance Plan and accompanying accountability plan must be approved by the Board.
4. Proposal Evaluation. Each proposal submitted through the RFP process shall be

the CEO's discretion, this may include input from Transition Advisory Councils or other groups of interested community members. Upon completion of such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer shall then issue a recommendation to the

Board. Following a public hearing on the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve a proposal, the matter shall be referred to the Board

3. community input;
4. a public hearing and consideration by the Board.

IV. Governance

In order to fully effectuate the autonomies and accountability provided through this policy, each Renaissance School shall be governed by a traditional or advisory Local School Council ("LSC") or other

maximize parent, teacher, staff and community involvement in the mission and operation of the school. Each Renaissance School's governance structure and CPS' relationship to the school shall be specified in each applicant's proposal and shall be determined based upon whether it is designated as a Charter, Contract or Performance School.

Contract and Performance Schools may form Interim Advisory Committees that operate until a permanent governing body is established. The Interim Advisory Committee ("IAC") shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

For Charter Schools: All Charter Schools shall be governed by an independent

be read to alter or amend the rights and responsibilities granted to Charter Schools under the Charter Schools Law.

B. For Contract Schools:

1. Teacher recruitment, hiring, evaluation and dismissal. The procedures for

~~recruitment, hiring, evaluation and dismissal. Contract School teachers shall be~~
~~governed by each school's Performance Assessment and any applicable~~

agreements between each Contract School and its teachers. All Contract School teachers must meet any applicable state and federal teacher qualification requirements.

2. Principal qualifications, selection, and removal. The Performance School will be

the permanent governing body is an ALSC, the ALSC's duties and responsibilities will be determined by the Board. If the permanent governing body is an elected LSC, the LSC's duties and responsibilities will be defined by

Each Contract School shall comply with applicable Board policies including those noted

below unless the Board approves an exemption or an alternative policy:

1. Promotion Policy. Each Contract School shall comply with the Board promotion policies, 04-0128-PO1 and 05-1026-PO1, as amended.
2. Graduation Requirements. Each Contract School shall comply with the Board graduation requirement policy, 03-1022-PO02, as amended, regarding the minimum number of credits required to graduate.
3. Assessments. Each Contract School shall comply with and participate in all state

or Performance Agreement or Performance Plan shall be five years. During each school's fifth year, or the final year of the term of its governing Charter or Performance Agreement or Performance Plan, each

Renaissance School shall be subject to a renewal process and evaluation. Following such process and

Chicago public schools, on a per pupil basis. CPS may differentiate funding according to grade levels served, unique student populations, or educational programs.

For Charter and Contract Schools, the school and the Board shall agree on funding and ~~per~~ services to be provided by the Board to the school as part of the Charter School

XI. Oversight of Renaissance Schools

All schools authorized as a Renaissance School and proceeding under a Charter School Agreement, ~~Contract School Performance Agreement or Board-approved Performance Plan, as described herein~~

shall be supervised throughout the term of their existence by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee.