

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
THE YOUTH CONNECTION CHARTER SCHOOL**

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

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with the Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS) for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be executed. The authority created herein shall automatically expire 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. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Youth Connection Charter School  
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Contact Person: Beatriz Rendon, Interim Executive Officer

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report



**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of YCCS's charter and agreement status is being extended for a

five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. YCCS shall be authorized during the renewal term to operate a multiple campus charter school with an enrollment not to exceed 3200 students. YCCS shall be closely monitored in all areas of academic and operational accountability as outlined in their Charter School Agreement.

**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

Filing The Research 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.

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:

*Barbara Eason-Watkins*  
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