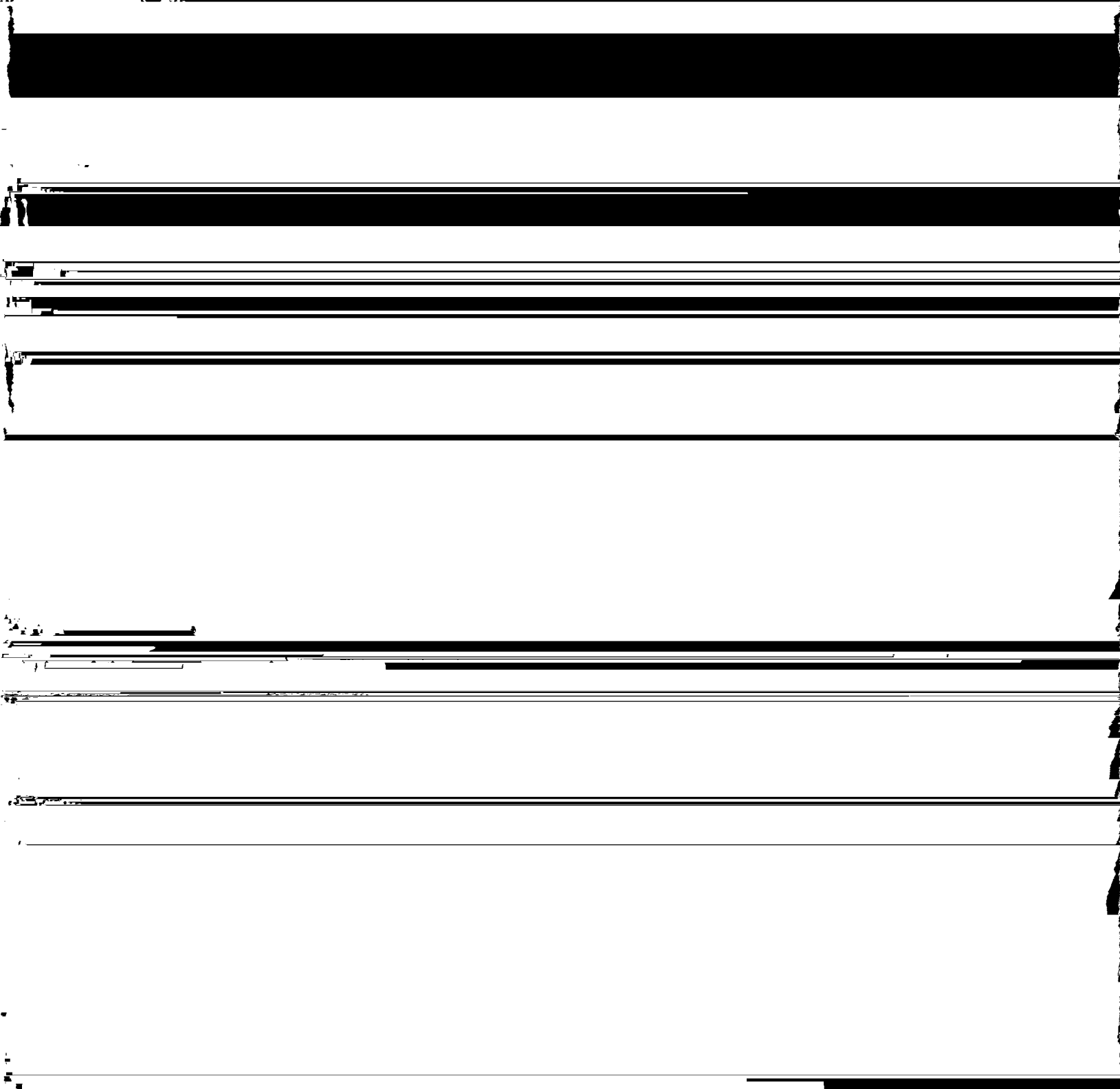


**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES
(TARKINGTON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve entering into an Agreement with the Academy for Urban School Leadership ("Consultant" or "AUSL") to provide management consulting services and professional development consulting services to the Tarkington School of Excellence ("Tarkington"), a professional development
teacher training facility, at no cost to the Board. AUSL was selected on a non-competitive basis based on



marketing and infrastructure to facilitate sharing of best practices and innovations

AUSL will also serve as a system-wide resource for the Chicago Public Schools around National Board Certification and as a model for professional learning communities. Through their work at Tarkington, AUSL will develop an on-line lesson plan archive and video productions, both of which will serve as resources for Tarkington and the broader CPS community. AUSL will seek to achieve retention of at least 90% of graduating participants of the program; at least 90% of the graduating participants will seek teaching positions in CPS schools for no less than a period of four years. There is no obligation on the part of the Board to hire any of the graduating participants. The decision to hire any of the graduating

participants is solely within the discretion of the Board

Contingent Liability – Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY07 are deemed to be contingent liability, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The agreement shall contain

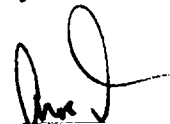
the clause that any expenditure beyond the current Fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer 

Respectfully Submitted:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel