

**ADOPT A RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR
COLLINS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board adopt a Renaissance School Performance Plan attached as Attachment 1 for the

HISTORY:

On November 15, 2006 the Board approved a proposal to open the Collins Academy High School ("Collins") located at 1313 S. Sacramento as a Performance School serving grades 9 through 12

(Board Report 06-1115-EX8). The Board's Renaissance Schools Policy (Board Report 07-0627-

PO4) states that Performance Schools are schools specially designated by the Board where the Board approves a Performance Plan setting forth specific standards for academic performance and a clear statement as to how the school will be held accountable. In exchange for higher accountability, Performance Schools are granted autonomy over various educational and operational issues. The specific degree of autonomy available to each Performance School is set out in each individual school's Performance Plan.

DURATION OF PERFORMANCE PLAN:

The Performance Plan for Collins shall continue for five years beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. During the final year of the Performance Plan, Collins' status as a Performance

School and their Performance Plan shall be subject to renewal by the Board. The Board may, at

Student Discipline:

Collins will follow the Student Code of Conduct.

Governance:

Collins was designated a small school under Board Report 06-1145 EX7. Therefore, an Appointed Local School Council

(ALSC) will be established in accordance with the Governance of

Alternative and Small Schools Policy (07-0124-P-02) as

Attachment 1

PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR COLLINS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

I. GENERAL

A. Scope of the Plan, Exhibits Incorporated by Reference

The Board has created the Collins Academy High School ("Collins") as an operating unit of the Board

Mission: The mission of Collins Academy High School is two-fold: 1) to engage and prepare every student for college, career, and community life, and 2) to train Chicago's future teachers in

B. Curriculum

Collins Academy High School shall operate a high quality instructional program serving the ~~educational needs~~ of the students enrolled. The curriculum established by Collins shall be

E. Calendar and Scheduling

1. School Days and Hours of Operation. Instruction shall commence in the 2007-
~~2008 school year and subsequent school years on dates established by College~~

provided that the beginning date of instruction shall be no earlier than August 15
~~and no later than September 15 for each school year. College plans to offer~~

III. GOVERNANCE

A. Interim Governance

1. Collins shall establish an Interim Advisory Committee ("IAC") by the first day of school and in any event, no later than December 1 of the school's first year.
2. Collins will operate with an Interim Advisory Committee until a permanent governing body is established.
3. The IAC shall serve only in an advisory role.

Permanent Governance - Assisted Level School Councils ("ALSC")

V. APPLICABLE LAW AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Collins shall operate at all times in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the Renaissance Schools Policy, the Illinois School Code, all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, and all Board rules and policies unless

specifically exempted by the Board. Collins shall not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, ancestry, marital status, homeless status, the need for special educational services, or any other classification protected by law.

~~Collins shall also comply with all Board policies and rules, except those identified in the in the~~

Management or other Board departments with respect to any other recapture of funds permitted by Board rules or policies.

E. Outside Funding

Collins may accept gifts, donations or grants, provided that all such gifts, grants and donations are accepted in compliance with applicable law, Board rules and policy and the terms of this Plan.

F. Management and Financial Controls

~~At all times Collins shall maintain appropriate governance and managerial procedures and~~

financial controls which procedures and controls shall include, but not be limited to: (1) generally

other accountability standards that may occur because of the enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act or other laws or mandates, the Accountability Plan attached as Exhibit B hereto is subject to change.

B. Standardized Tests

Collins shall administer such standardized tests of academic proficiency as are provided for in the Board's policies and procedures and shall participate in State assessments required by Section

2-3.64 of the Illinois School Code.

IX. RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF PERFORMANCE PLAN

A. Renewal of Performance Plan; Failure to Renew

On or before the date set by the CEO, Collins shall submit the report to the Board on the

Board Report 06-1115 EYB establishing and naming the school dated on November 15, 2006 is hereby

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incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein and collectively with the text below constitute the

School Description The School Description of Collins is as follows:

EXHIBIT B

**ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN FOR
COLLINS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board of Education ("Board") and the Collins Academy High School ("Collins") have determined that it is in the best interests of the Board, the Collins students, parents and the public to articulate clear standards for Collins and to annually inform the public about the level of achievement of Collins with respect to those standards. It is also the Board's intent to use data from this Accountability Plan to decide on the removal of Performance Schools beyond the initial five year performance period.

The Board may delegate its authority to perform the functions described herein to appropriate departments or contracting entities.

Collins shall be evaluated annually in accordance with this Accountability Plan including but not limited to the following categories:

- A. Student Performance
- B. Financial Management
- C. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Policies

(1) Schedule for Reporting Student Performance Indicators

The Performance School will be required to annually report to the Chief Executive Officer on their preceding year's performance by August 1. The Board reserves the right to audit results in any manner that establishes the validity and integrity of the results. The use of unique standards and assessments shall not affect Collins's obligation to comply with the PSAE assessments or any other assessment required by the Board for all public schools.

B & C. Financial Management & Compliance

(1) Financial Management & Compliance Indicators

Indicator	High	Middle	Low
Balanced Budget	Both budgets	Current - year budget	Current - year budget

Where Collins has opted out of one or more of the policies listed in Table III, Collins must notify the CEO or designee no later than July 1 prior to the school year. The CEO will report this information to the Board in a timely manner.

Table III

No.	Policy Name	Option
401.13	Strategic Sourcing	School may opt out of this policy
403.5	Establish Comprehensive Policy Regarding Sharing Lease Income from School Property	School may opt out of this policy
506.1	Full-time Consultants	School may opt out of this policy
510.1	Teacher Association Dem...	School may opt out of this policy

D. Special Education

Collins must comply with all Board policies and the State and Federal laws regarding the education of students with disabilities

and all requirements of the consent decree in the Coverdell litigation

E. Performance Reviews

The Board shall hold Collins accountable in all of the categories established in this plan (Student Performance, Compliance, and Special Education) within the following time frame: the year of 2014-2015