

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CHARTER SCHOOL**

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

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North Kenwood/Oakland Campus to 486, the correction of the at capacity enrollment of the fall 2008 campus to 540, the change in at capacity enrollment of the North Kenwood/Oakland Campus to 336 and the correction of the entire enrollment capacity for all campuses to 1966.

The agreement incorporates an accountability plan where the school is evaluated by the board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** The University of Chicago Charter School Corporation (U of C) submitted a renewal proposal on October 5, 2007, to continue the operation of the University of Chicago Charter School under a unified mission. U of C has since modified its renewal proposal to include commitments to operate four (4) campuses as one unified school through the use of uniform assessment plans and performance standards, curriculum and school calendar alignment, as well as standard governance, operational, employment, educational and admissions policies. The Charter School shall serve grades Pre-K - 12 with a maximum student enrollment of 1966 students.

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2008 - 2009 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
North Kenwood/Oakland Campus	1998	1119 E. 46 <sup>th</sup> Street / 1014 E 47 <sup>th</sup> Street	Pre-K – 8	312	336
Donoghue Campus	2005	707 E. 37 <sup>th</sup> Street	Pre-K – 5	300	500
Woodlawn Campus	2006	6420 S. University Avenue	6-12	480	590

**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 Agreement, which shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of the charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Officer of the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action (s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois

State Board of Education for certification.

**SC REVIEW:** Approval of Local School Councils is not applicable to this report

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY09 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of this enrollment will be approximately \$ 8,026,196.00 in 2008-2009. U of C will also receive a one time payment from the Office of New Schools of \$170,000.00 to cover the cost of 3 planning positions for the Charter C

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

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:



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