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08-0326-EX6

March 26, 2008

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 07-1024-EX3**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-1220-EX3**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-0322-EX44**

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

**THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with L.E.A.R.N Charter School for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind 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.

This December 2006 amendment is necessary to correct the date of the renewal term for the Charter School Agreement.

This October 2007 amended Board Report is necessary to (re)authorize L E A R N Charter School to add

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 01-0627-

EX7) is for a term commencing July 15, 2001, and ending July 15, 2006. The agreement authorizes the operation of a single facility charter school with enrollment not to exceed 400 students in grades Kindergarten through eighth. The Agreement incorporates an accountability plan whereby the school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial, and operational performance.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** L.E.A.R.N. submitted a renewal proposal on November 20, 2005 to

continue the operation of the school under the same mission and educational programs. The school is currently located at 1132 South Homan Avenue and serves 334 students in grades Pre-kindergarten through eighth. The proposal requests an increase in maximum student enrollment to permit up to approximately 450 students. The school would grow gradually to that level, adding 15-30 students each year. In 2006-2007, the cost of 30 additional students would be approximately \$177,750.00.

On August 6, 2007 L.E.A.R.N. submitted a Renaissance Proposal to (a) establish a new campus in the fall of 2008 and a new campus in 2009 and (b) to increase their at capacity enrollment by 1200 students to 1,650 students. The L.E.A.R.N. Charter School — 2008 Campus will open in 2008 at a location to be determined and serve approximately 278 students in grades Pre-K - 3. The L.E.A.R.N. Charter School — 2009 Campus will open in 2009 at a location to be determined and serve approximately 910 students.

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**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of L.E.A.R.N.'s charter status is being extended for five (5) years commencing July 16, 2006 and ending July 15, 2011.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Council to include relevant terms and conditions, including

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**Approved:**



**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

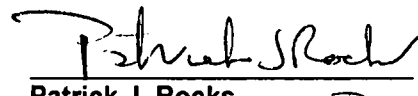
**Respectfully Submitted:**



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