

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-0227-EX26  
APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
ASPIRA CHARTER SCHOOL**

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

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with ASPIRA 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 April 2009 amendment is necessary to (a) correct the at capacity enrollment of the ASPIRA - Early College High School Campus from 400 to 600 and (b) correct the at capacity enrollment of the ASPIRA charter from 1500 to 1700. A written amendment to the Charter School

- Board Report 06-1115-EX3: Approved the establishment of two additional campuses to open in the Fall of 2008 contingent upon renewal of the Charter Agreement and the Charter School's ability to meet benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools by November 30, 2007, and to reflect the change in the corporate address for the school operator from 2435 N. Western Avenue to 2415 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

enrollment cap by 200 for a maximum enrollment cap of 1700 students; b) the name change for the ASPIRA – Antonia Pantoja Campus to ASPIRA – Early College Campus; and c) the relocation of the ASPIRA – Early College Campus from 3121 N.

Pulaski to 3986 W. Barry Avenue

ratings on their student absolute indicators. In 2007, 63% of ASPIRA middle school students met or exceeded state standards on the ISAT Composite and 25% of ASPIRA high school students met or exceeded state standards on the PSAT Composite. The committee recommends that, based on the schools performance on these and other accountability criteria and subject to inclusion in the Charter School Agreement of additional terms and conditions which were communicated to the Charter School on approximately January 18, 2008, that ASPIRA be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of ASPIRA's charter status is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2013.

**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

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:

*Barbara Eason-Watkins*

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Chief Education Officer

Respectfully Submitted:

*Ron Huberman*

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Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

*Pedro Martinez*

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Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

*Patrick J. Rocks*

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