

APPROVE ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES TO CREATE THE GROWING SCHOOL GARDENS COLLABORATIVE RELATING TO THE GROWING

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the various agencies to create the Growing School Gardens Collaborative ("Collaborative") to support and implement the Growing School Gardens Initiative. The MOU will establish the Collaborative's governance structure and operating procedures, and establish roles and responsibilities among the members of the Collaborative. There will be

no cost or financial obligation on the part of the Board as a member of the Collaborative, or any commitment with respect to Board property, without prior Board approval and an amendment to this Board Report. The Growing School Gardens Initiative will raise funds and implement programs to provide Chicago Public Schools


The Steering Committee will have governance responsibilities related to mission, internal rules, program guidelines, grant making and implementation, annual budget, staffing, and communications.

The Steering Committee will strive to make decisions by consensus of all members. Voting privileges will be limited to one vote per agency, but additional agency representatives can attend Steering Committee meetings. Neither the Collaborative nor any member of the Collaborative will have the authority to commit any funding, property, or other resources of the Board without the prior approval of the Board and an amendment to this Board Report.

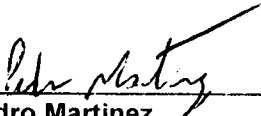
AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Facilities Officer to execute all necessary documents required to administer efforts to the agreement.

Approved for Consideration



Patricia L. Taylor
Chief Facilities Officer


Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved and ready to be used for 


Paul J. Roche

LIST OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

The Growing School Gardens Collaborative will be made up of representatives from:

City of Chicago Department of Environment
Chicago Public Schools
Chicago Park District
Chicago Community Trust
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Chicago Botanic Garden
Greenlands

National Wildlife Federation
University of Illinois Extension
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance.