

January 25, 2023

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE CHRISTOPHER HOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

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

Authorize renewal of the Christopher House Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional three-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.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board 11-1214-EX8) was for a term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 540 students in grades K through 8. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

Board Report 13-0424-EX5: Approved the change in the permitted use provision in the First Amendment of Ground Lease between the Board and Christopher House (authorized by Board Report 12-0328-OP6) to include the operation of a charter school on the leased premises to be contemporaneous with the term of the Charter School Agreement with the Board. If the Charter School Agreement with the Board is terminated, Christopher House's authority to operate a charter school on the leased premises shall also terminate. Also corrected the address of Christopher House Charter School from 2250 N. Latrobe Avenue to 5235 W. Belden Avenue.

The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023 (authorized by Board Report 17-12M      Mto serve grades K through 8 with a

plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board  
academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Christopher House's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on January 10, 2022 for all contract and charter schools going through renewal to receive public comments, including Christopher House. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, Christopher House be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of Christopher House's charter and agreement is being extended for a three (3) year term commencing July 1

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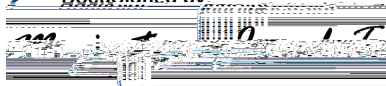
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