

June 25, 2014

**AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY URBAN SCHOOLS, INC. (ALAIN LOCKE CHARTER SCHOOL)**

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

Authorize the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Schools, Inc. 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.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Schools, Inc.  
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Chicago, Illinois 60607  
Phone: 866-625-7107  
Contact Person: Claire Hartfield

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Alain Locke Charter School  
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Chicago, IL 60612  
Phone: (773) 265-7230  
Contact Person: Patrick Love, Principal

Chicago, IL 60603  
(773) 553-1530  
Contact Person: Jack Elsey, Chief Officer

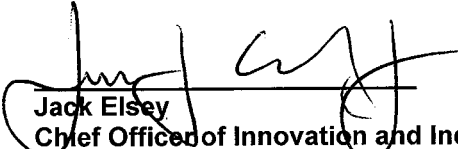
School Agreement. To the extent the Board provides funding for the pre-kindergarten program, that program will be subject to a separate agreement with and separate funding authorized by the Office of Early Childhood Education. A material breach of any contract between the Board and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Schools for the operation of a pre-kindergarten program at the charter school may be treated as a

breach of the other contract.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools within the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Alain Locke's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial analysis, governance documents, parental issues, facilities

surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on June 23, 2014 to receive public comments on the renewal for Alain Locke. The committee recommends that, based on the school's

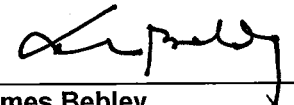
Approved for Consideration:

  
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Jack Elsey  
Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

Approved:

  
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Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

  
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James Bebley  
General Counsel