

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-1123-EX12**

~~APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL~~

**AGREEMENT WITH CATALYST SCHOOLS,  
AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with Catalyst Schools, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation for a five-year period. The Charter School Agreement is currently being ~~revised. The~~ ~~agreement~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~revised~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~next~~ ~~written~~ ~~Charter~~ ~~School~~

instruction that focuses on reading and math. The special features will be a back-to-basics approach that focuses heavily on reading and mathematics, while other basic courses will also be taught. The mission of Catalyst -Circle Rock is to provide a quality elementary educational choice to the children of the urban poor, who have not been adequately served by existing educational institutions. The school will serve grades K-8 in the fall of 2010 with an at capacity enrollment of 500 students. The school will be located at 5608 West Washington. Public hearings on Renaissance 2010 charter school submissions submitted in 2009, as required by statute, were held on September 10, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

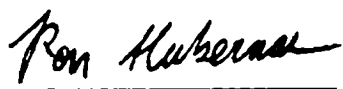
In June 2010 Catalyst Schools submitted a material modification to increase the at capacity enrollment at Catalyst Elementary Charter School - Circle Rock by 20 students to a new at capacity enrollment of 520

students. A public hearing on the proposed change was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. The hearing


**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**J. Terence Patterson**  
Interim Executive Officer, Office of New Schools

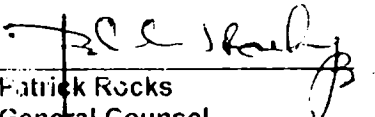
**Approved:**

  
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**Arne Duncan Ron Huberman**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**John Maiorca Diana S. Ferguson**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form** 

  
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**Patrick Rocks**  
General Counsel