

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY SOUTHWEST CHICAGO  
CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

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

Authorize renewal of the Horizon Science Academy Southwest Chicago Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional two-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. The Renewal and any related contracts must be executed by the current contract's expiration date in order for First Quarter funding to be released for the new contract term.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 14-0122-EX12 as amended by 14-0423-EX8) was for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 735 students in grades K through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023, serving no more than 735 students (authorized by Board Report 19-0123-EX7).

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Concept Schools NFP submitted a renewal proposal on July 29, 2022 to continue the operation of Horizon Science Academy Southwest Chicago Charter School ("HSA Southwest Chicago"). The charter school shall continue to be located at 5401 S. Western Avenue and shall continue to serve grades K through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 735 students.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of HSA Southwest Chicago'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, 2023 for all contract and c á r m

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, HSA Southwest Chicago be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of HSA Southwest Chicago's charter and agreement is being extended for a two (2) year term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the charter school by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with Concept Schools NFP.

**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. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation to issue a letter no

Approved for Consideration:


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