

June 27, 2024

AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0125-EX21
**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL WITH CAMELOT ALT ED-ILLINOIS, LLC WITH CONDITIONS FOR
 ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the renewal with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC with conditions for Alternative Safe School Program Services for an additional four-year period. A new agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Contract School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. 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. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

This June 2024 amendment is necessary to address the addition of the second campus, as a result the funding for the current campus will be reduced to 90. This number will allow Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois to effectively operate while minimizing the cost to the district.

PROVIDER: Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC, an IL limited liability company
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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19112
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 Contact: Kevin Sweetland, Regional Vice President

SCHOOL: Safe Academy High School
7877 S Coles Avenue
Chicago, IL 60649
 Phone: (773) 977-4076
 Contact: Kevin Sweetland, Regional Vice President

OVERSIGHT: ~~Office of Innovation and Incubation Options Network, Office of Network Support~~
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Richard Smith, Chief of Options Network

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 13-0522-EX2) was for a term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018 and provided Alternative Safe School Program services pursuant to Article 13A of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/13A-.05 et eq.). The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis through the 2013 Request for Alternative Options issued by the Board on January 29, 2013. The agreement was further renewed for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023 (authorized by Board Report 17-1206-EX24).

PROGRAM RENEWAL PROPOSAL: On July 29, 2022, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC submitted a renewal proposal to continue the operation of its Alternative Safe School Program pursuant to Paragraph 11 of its Alternative Safe School Program Agreement.

PROGRAM EVALUATION: After receiving the program renewal proposal, the ~~Options Network Office of Innovation and Incubation~~ conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Alternative Safe School

Program'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 documents. The Options Network Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the program's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the program's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC be authorized to continue operating its Alternative Safe School Program. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 to receive public comments. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the agreement is being extended for four (4) years commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Alternative Safe School Program will provide an educational program for students who are eligible for expulsion under the Chicago Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. Students will receive a full academic program where credits can be earned toward high school graduation, complete requirements for elementary school graduation and/or advancement in grade level. Additionally, students will receive behavior supports and interventions. Students will improve school attendance, reduce disruptive behavior, attain and/or maintain employment, and give back to the community through service learning and restorative justice. Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC may be asked to provide bus monitors for the students in order to support positive behavior and safety on the buses while the students are in transport. Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC will be approved to serve up to 200 students at any one time in grades 6 through 12 during the term of this agreement.

<u>Campus Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Grades</u>
<u>Safe Academy Elementary</u>	<u>7877 S Coles Avenue</u>	<u>6-8</u>
<u>Safe Academy High School</u>	<u>7877 S Coles Avenue</u>	<u>9-12</u>

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the Alternative Safe School Program by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the agreement with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Options Network Office of Innovation and Incubation to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Funding for the program services will be consistent with per pupil funding models used by the Board. Beginning in the fall of 2018, there will be a floor of ~~400~~ 90 seats that will be funded regardless of enrollment. If requested to provide bus monitors, provider shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$50,000 on an annual basis for those monitors. The details of the financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 and subsequent fiscal year budgets. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY23 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

The Alternative Safe School Program will be jointly funded by CPS from General Funds and the Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP) Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education if this RSSP Grant is available. Funding from the RSSP Grant will be applied to cover agreed upon per pupil funding and the approved number of reserved seats for the Alternative Safe School Program with the difference being covered by General Funds.

TRANSPORTATION: CPS provides transportation services during the regular school day to elementary school students attending the Alternative Safe School Program, subject to the availability of funding. These services include busing and supplemental aides to support positive behavior and safety on the bus. Nothing in this provision will act to limit the entitlement of any student who receives transportation services as a result of IEP accommodations, homelessness or any other program that mandates the provision of transportation services.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.


Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one- year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-P03), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:


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