

June 27, 2024

AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH CAMELOT ALT ED-ILLINOIS, LLC WITH CONDITIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOL WEST PROGRAM SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the renewal with Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC for Alternative Safe School West Program Services for a five-year period. An agreement applicable to this 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.

PROVIDER: Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC, an IL limited liability company
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19112
Phone: (773) 977-4076
Contact: Kevin Sweetland, Regional Vice President

SCHOOL: Safe Academy High School
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Chicago, IL 60624
Phone: (773) 977-4076
Contact: Kevin Sweetland, Regional Vice President

OVERSIGHT: Options Network, Office of Network Support
4934 S Wabash Ave 3rd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60615
Phone: (773) 553-3064
Contact: Richard Smith, Chief of Options Network

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2024 and shall end June 30, 2029.

PROGRAM EVALUATION: The Options Network conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the existing Alternative Safe School Program's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance paired with the growing need for a centralized location in order to equitably serve this student population. The Options Network recommends that Camelot Alt Ed-Illinois, LLC be authorized to operate a second Alternative Safe School Program located on the west side of Chicago.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Alternative Safe School West 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 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 9 through 12 during the term of this agreement.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreement. Authorize the Director of Authorization and School Options in the Options Network 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 2024, there will be a floor of 80 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 West Program with the difference being covered by General Funds.

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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