

SUBJECT: Action on a Request to Approve the Instrumentality Charter School Contract with Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA) to Begin with the 2019-2020 School Year and to End with the Last Regularly Scheduled Day of the 2023-2024 School Year

BACKGROUND:

Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA) was established as an instrumentality charter school beginning with the 2004-2005 school year. ALBA's current contract is for up to a maximum of 493 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in Head Start through grade 5. ALBA is located at 1712 S. 32nd Street. Since inception, ALBA has received a five-year contract for each renewal cycle.

ALBA's mission is founded on the conviction that bilingual students can reach their full potential academically, in English and Spanish, when challenged through a rigorous curriculum that develops critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity through the integration of the fine arts. ALBA's students develop self-confidence and self-worth as their Hispanic cultural identity is both recognized and valued through the curriculum.

On February 28, 2019, the Board approved a five-year renewal for ALBA, as well as ALBA's expansion to serve grades 6-8, and authorized the Administration, in collaboration with the Board's Designee, and the Office of the City Attorney, to begin contract negotiations with representatives from ALBA.

In May 2019, representatives from ALBA, the Office of Board Governance, the Office of the City Attorney and the Administration met, reviewed, and negotiated the proposed modifications to the model instrumentality charter school contract and agreed to the attached redline contract.

Contingent upon the Milwaukee Board of School Directors' approval, ALBA accepts the attached instrumentality charter contract, with the following modifications as reflected in the attachments to this item:

- a. Whereas clauses have been updated to reflect historical background;
- b. The name of the school is Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA) and the school will be located at 1712 S. 32nd Street, Milwaukee, WI;
- c. The name of the person who will be in charge of the charter school has been updated to reflect that Brenda Martinez shall be the school leader, and to reflect the manner in which administrative services will be provided;
- d. Language has been revised to reflect applicability of MPS policies and statutes;
- e. Language relating to performance indicators have been updated to reflect applicability and current practices;
- f. Language has been updated to reflect governance structure of charter school;
- g. Language has been revised relating to charter school staff;
- h. Language relating to requirements for admission to school has been updated;
- i. Language relating to the manner in which annual audits of the financial and programmatic operations of the school will be performed has been updated to reflect audit selections;
- j. Language has been updated to reflect selection of disciplinary guidelines;
- k. Language relating to school facilities and the types and limits of the liability insurance has been updated;

- l. Language relating to the effect of the establishment of charter school on the liability of the MPS Board has been updated;
- m. Language relating to background screening has been updated;
- n. Language relating to right to inspect and receive information, reports, and records has been updated;
- o. Language relating to calendar has been updated;
- p. Language relating to purchasing has been updated;
- q. Language relating to applicability intergovernmental agreements has been updated;
- r. Language relating to Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities and district's responsibilities as School Food Authority (SFA) has been clarified;
- s. ALBA will serve up to a maximum of 570 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in grades K3 through 6 in the 2019-2020 school year, up to a maximum of 585 FTE pupils in grades K3 through 7 in the 2020-2021 school year, up to a maximum of 615 FTE pupils in grades K4 through 8 in the 2021-2022 school year, up to a maximum of 635 FTE pupils in grades K4 through 8 in the 2022-2023, and up to a maximum of 650 FTE pupils in grades K4 through 8 in the 2023-2024 school years;
- t. Language relating to payment has been updated to provide clarity;
- u. The term of the contract is five years, to start with the 2019-2020 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2023-24 school year; and
- v. Language relating to modification or termination of contract has been revised to provide clarity and reflect current practices;
- w. Language added to demonstrate that parties mutually agree to the terms of the contract; and
- x. Technical revisions have been made throughout the contract.

IMPLEMENTATIONS AND ASSESSMENT PLAN: Upon the Board's approval, the contract will be effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

A copy of the contract will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.