

Action on a Request to Waive a Portion of Administrative Policy 9.12 and Approve the Non-Instrumentality Charter School Contract with M.C. Preparatory School of Wisconsin, Inc. for Milwaukee College Preparatory

Milwaukee College Prep (MCP), was established as a non-instrumentality charter school beginning in fall 2011. The schools are located at 1228 West Lloyd Street, 2623 North 38th Street, 2449 North 36th Street and 1350 West North Avenue.

MCP's Mission is knowledge plus character pave the road to college and beyond. MCP has demonstrated the organizational leadership and expertise to operate and sustain high quality schools.

On July 12, 2021, the Charter School Review Team convened for a full day site visit at MCP. The Team examined the school's performance and met with school representatives to discuss the data relative to the academic, financial and organizational performance.

On July 20, 2021, representatives from MCP, the MPS Office of Board Governance and the MPS Administration reviewed and negotiated the proposed modifications to the model non-instrumentality charter school contract and agreed to the attached redline contract.

Contingent upon the Board's approval, M.C. Preparatory School of Wisconsin, Inc. accepts the attached, non-instrumentality charter contract as outlined:

- a. Whereas clause has been added to clarify that operator's governing board is a party to the contract, to reflect current law, and to reflect historical background;
- b. Whereas clause has been added to reflect the statutory language of one operator for each charter school;
- c. The name of the school is Milwaukee College Prep 36th Street located at 2449 North 36th Street, Milwaukee College Prep Lloyd Street located at 1228 West Lloyd Street, Milwaukee College Prep 38th Street located at 2623 North 38th Street, and Milwaukee College Prep Lola-Rowe North located at 1350 West North Avenue.
- d. The name of the person who will be in charge of the charter school has been updated to reflect that Robert Rauh shall be the school leader, and language has been added to reflect the manner in which administrative services will be provided;
- e. Language has been revised to reflect applicability of MPS policies and statutes;
- f. Language relating to performance indicators has been updated to reflect applicability, current practice and local measures;
- g. Language relating to charter school governance has been updated to provide clarity and to be consistent with statutory language relating to charter school governance;
- h. Language relating to requirements for admission to school has been updated;
- i. Language relating to financial and performance audits has been updated to reflect current practices and to reflect selection of method for financial and performance audits;
- j. Language has been updated to reflect selection of disciplinary guidelines;
- k. Language relating to facilities, indemnification and insurance has been updated;
- l. Language relating to the effect of the establishment of the Charter School on the liability of the Board has been updated;
- m. Language relating to background screening has been updated;

- n. Language relating to right to inspect and receive requested information and reports has been updated;
- o. Language relating to calendar has been updated;
- p. Language relating to administrative fee has been updated;
- q. Language relating to purchasing has been updated;
- r. Language relating to transportation and nutrition has been updated;
- s. Language relating to Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities and district's responsibilities as School Food Authority (SFA) has been clarified;
- t. Language has been updated to reflect that MCP will serve up to a maximum of 2000 FTEs;
- u. The term of the contract is updated to reflect five years, to start with the 2021-2022 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2025-2026 school year;
- v. Language relating to modification or termination of contract has been revised to provide clarity and reflect current practices;
- w. Language has been added to demonstrate that parties mutually agree to the terms of the contract; and
- x. Technical revisions have been made throughout the contract.

Attached to this item is the performance data reviewed for renewal consideration, the Charter School Review Team's Recommendation, the proposed redline contract and appendices outlined in the redline contract.

Fiscal Impact:

The funds for this charter school contract are included as part of the FY22 budget process.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that:

1. the Board waive Administrative Policy 9.12, section 11 (c), "the Team shall notify the Board, the Superintendent, and the charter school of its recommendation for renewal by the end of February of the last school year of the term of the charter school contract";
2. approve the attached, five-year, non-instrumentality charter school contract with M.C. Preparatory School of Wisconsin, Inc. for Milwaukee College Prep to begin with the 2021-22 school year and end on the last regularly scheduled day of the 2025-26 school year.