

Action on a Request to Approve the Non-Instrumentality Charter School Contract with Milwaukee Teacher Education Center, Inc. for Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy (MESA) to Begin with the 2022-2023 School Year and to End with the Last Regularly Scheduled Day of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy (MESA) was established as a non-instrumentality charter school beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The current contract is for up to a maximum of 500 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in grades K4 through 8. MESA is located at 6600 West Melvina Street.

MESA is dedicated to the intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth of all students with an emphasis placed on engaging students in thinking, problem solving, and decision-making allowing students to function in a global society. The goal of MESA is to provide instruction to students through the implementation of the EL Learning model, formally known as Expeditionary Learning.

MTEC has notified MPS that they will be doing business as the Urban Learning Collaborative in an effort to rebrand. These updates are reflected throughout the contract as needed.

Contingent upon the Board's approval, MESA accepts the attached non-instrumentality charter contract with the modifications as outlined:

- a. Whereas clause has been added to clarify that charter school's governing board is a party to the contract to reflect current law and to reflect historical background;
- b. The contract is made by and between the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and Milwaukee Teacher Education Center, Inc. d/b/a Urban Learning Collaborative for Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy;
- c. The name of the school is Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy and the school will be located at 6600 West Melvina Street;
- d. The name of the person who will be in charge of the charter school has been updated to reflect that Janet Colvin, Principal, shall be the school leader, and to language has been added 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 and current practices;
- 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 to has been updated 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 purchasing has been updated;
- q. Language relating to transportation and nutrition has been updated;
- r. Language relating to Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities and district's responsibilities as School Food Authority (SFA) has been updated;
- s. Language has been updated to reflect that Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy (MESA) will serve a maximum of 400 FTE pupils in grades K4 through 8 for the 2022-2023 school year, 440 pupils in grades K4 through 8 for the 2023-2024 school year and 450 pupils in grades K4 through 8 for the 2024-2025 school year;
- t. Language relating to payment has been updated to provide clarity;
- u. The term of the contract is three years, to start with the 2022-2023 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2024-2025 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;
- x. Technical revisions have been made throughout the contract; and
- y. Technical revisions have made to Appendix A (Proposal).