

**Subject:**

Action on a Request to Approve the Non-Instrumentality Charter School Contract with Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Inc., for Kathryn T. Daniels University Preparatory Academy (KT Daniels) for the 2020-2021 School Year

**Background:**

Kathryn T. Daniels University Preparatory Academy (KT Daniels) was established as a non-instrumentality charter school beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. The current contract is for up to a maximum of 250 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in grades K4 through 8. Kathryn T. Daniels is located at 4834 North Mother Daniels Way. KT Daniels has received two-year contract renewals in each year of its renewal cycle.

The KT Daniels mission is to design a rigorous college-preparatory program with highly skilled teachers and an unwavering commitment to utilize the most powerful instructional techniques and methodologies. The KT Daniels vision is to create a rich learning environment that integrates the study of performing arts, sciences, and humanities to unleash the intellectual, creative, and leadership talents of students.

On February 27, 2020, the Board approved a one-year renewal for KT Daniels 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 Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Inc., for KT Daniels.

In April 2020, representatives from Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Inc., for KT Daniels, the MPS Office of Board Governance, the Office of the City Attorney 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, Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Inc., accepts the attached non-instrumentality charter contract with the following modifications for KT Daniels:

- 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 name of the school is Kathryn T. Daniels Preparatory Academy and the school will be located at 4834 N. Mother Daniels Way;
- c. The name of the person who will be in charge of the charter school has been updated to reflect that Alton Townsel shall be the school leader, and language has been added 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 has been updated to reflect applicability and current practices and to provide for local performance measures to reflect the short-term nature of the contract;
- f. Language relating to charter school governance has been updated to provide clarity and to be consistent with statutory language relating to charter school governance;
- g. Language relating to requirements for admission to school has been updated;
- h. 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;
- i. Language has been updated to reflect selection of disciplinary guidelines;

- j. Language relating to facilities, indemnification and insurance has been updated;
- k. Language relating to the effect of the establishment of the Charter School on the liability of the Board has been updated;
- l. Language relating to background screening has been updated;
- m. Language relating to right to inspect and receive requested information and reports has been updated;
- n. Language relating to calendar has been updated;
- o. Language relating to purchasing has been updated;
- p. Language relating to transportation and nutrition has been updated;
- q. Language relating to Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities and district's responsibilities as School Food Authority (SFA) has been updated;
- r. Language has been updated to reflect that Kathryn T. Daniels Preparatory Academy (KT Daniels) will serve up to a maximum of 250 FTE pupils in grades K4 through 8;
- s. Language relating to payment has been updated;
- t. The term of the contract is one year, to start with the 2020-2021 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2020-2021 school year;
- u. Language relating to modification or termination of contract has been revised to provide clarity and reflect current practices;
- v. Language has been added to demonstrate that parties mutually agree to the terms of the contract; and
- w. Technical revisions have been made throughout the contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The funds for this charter school contract are included as part of the FY21 budget process.

**Implementation and Assessment Plan:**

Upon approval, the contract will be effective starting with the 2020-2021 school year and ending with the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached non-instrumentality charter school contract with Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Inc., for Kathryn T. Daniels University Preparatory Academy (KT Daniels) to begin with the 2020-2021 school year and end on the last regularly scheduled day of the 2020-2021 school year.