

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) to Begin with the 2018-2019 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 275 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in grades K4 through 8. Kathryn T. Daniels is located at 4834 Mothers Daniel Way.

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. 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 January 25, 2018, the Board approved a two 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 June 2018, 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 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. for KT Daniels accept the attached, non-instrumentality charter contract with the following modifications:

- a. Whereas clause has been added to clarify that charter school's governing board is a party to the contract to reflect current law;
- b. Language has been updated for technical purposes and to provide for clarity;
- c. Performance measures have been updated to reflect current practices and to provide for local performance measures to reflect the short-term nature of the contract;
- d. Language has been updated to provide clarity and to be consistent with statutory language relating to charter school governance;
- e. Language relating to requirements for admission to school has been added to align with current law;
- f. Language has been clarified as to financial and performance audits to reflect current practices and to reflect selection of method for financial and performance audits;
- g. Language has been updated to reflect selection of disciplinary guidelines;
- h. Language has been updated to reflect current practice as to facilities, indemnification and insurance;

- i. Language has been updated as to the effect of the establishment of the Charter School on the liability of the Board to reflect current practices;
- j. Language relating to background screening has been updated to reflect current practice;
- k. Language has been updated to reflect current practice and law relating to right to inspect and receive requested information and reports;
- l. Language relating to purchasing has been updated to align with current law and practices for certification of non-debarment;
- m. Language relating to transportation and nutrition has been updated to align with current laws and practices;
- n. Language relating to Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities and district's responsibilities as School Food Authority (SFA) have been updated to align with current practices;
- o. Language has been updated to reflect that KT Daniels will serve up to a maximum of 250 FTE pupils in grades k4 through 8;
- p. Language relating to modification of contract has been revised to reflect current practices;
- q. Language added to demonstrate that parties drafted language jointly; and
- r. Technical revisions have been made throughout the contract.

Fiscal Impact

The funds for this charter school contract are included as part of the FY19 budget process. The per-pupil funding will be based on the state-determined amount for students in grades K5-8th. Students in grade K4 will be funded at 0.6 FTE of the per-pupil amount.

Implementation and Assessment Plan

Upon approval, the contract will be effective starting with the 2018-2019 school year and ending with the 2019-2020 school year.

A copy of the contract will be forwarded 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 to begin with the 2018-2019 school year and end on the last regularly scheduled day of the 2019-2020 school year.