TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Randy J. Dunn, State Superintendent of Education
Jonathan Furr, General Counsel
Ginger Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent (Interim) Teaching and Learning Services

Agenda Topic: Approval of Chicago Public Schools as a Supplemental Educational Service Provider

Materials: Attachment 1 (Summary Information on Recommended Supplemental Educational Service Provider)

Staff Contact(s): Robert Wolfe, Division Administrator, External Assurance

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Board of the results of the review of Chicago Public Schools’ (CPS) application to restore its status as an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

The expected outcome of this agenda item is to restore Chicago Public Schools’ status as a Supplemental Educational Service provider as required by Section 1116(e) of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Background Information

CPS’ status as an approved provider of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) was revoked during the 2004-2005 School Year per a directive from the United States Department of Education (USDE). At the end of August 2005, CPS received a federal waiver to continue to offer SES even though the district would ordinarily be banned from doing so, as it had been, under No Child Left Behind regulations because the district had fallen into improvement status. The waiver is part of a USDE pilot project involving selected school districts designed to test ways to improve program quality and expand parent and student access to SES.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications

Policy Implications: Board approval will update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.

Budget Implications: None

Legislative Action: None
Communication: The updated list of Approved Supplemental Education Service Providers will be posted on the ISBE homepage (http://www.isbe.net/nclb/htmls/sesp_isbe_resources.htm) for use by districts and parents of eligible children.

**Pros and Cons of Various Actions**

**Pros:**

Due to efficiencies realized by CPS when functioning as an SES provider, eligible children will have greater access to SES.

CPS will be an additional provider able to serve students with disabilities.

ISBE supports a pilot project by USDE.

**Cons:**

If USDE removes CPS from this pilot project or cancels the project and if CPS remains in improvement status as a district, ISBE would have to remove CPS from the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following motion to approve Chicago Public Schools for inclusion on the state’s list of Approved Supplemental Education Service Providers.

*Whereas the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of supplemental educational service providers and maintain an updated list of approved providers, I move that Chicago Public Schools be approved for addition to the Illinois list of approved supplemental educational service providers pursuant to the district’s participation in a pilot project of the United States Department of Education.*

**Next Steps**

ISBE will update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers and post it on the agency web site.
## Summary Information on Recommended Supplemental Educational Service Provider

**September 2005**

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Agenda Topic: Approval of Aspira, Inc. of Illinois as a Supplemental Educational Service Provider

Materials: Attachment 1 (Summary Information on Recommended Supplemental Educational Service Provider)

Staff Contact(s): Robert Wolfe, Division Administrator, External Assurance

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Board of the results of the review of Aspira, Inc. of Illinois’ (Aspira) application to be approved as a Supplemental Educational Service (SES) Provider.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

The expected outcome of this agenda item is to approve Aspira as an SES provider, as required by Section 1116(e) of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Background Information

Aspira made application on May 26, 2005, to be an approved provider of SES. Staff evaluation at that time favored non-approval, but Aspira filed additional information on August 11, 2005. The principal staff concern was that within Aspira are a number of programmatically related by legally separate activities, including a charter school. Aspira’s charter school is in improvement status, which would prevent the school from being an SES provider, but the documentation supplied in August indicates that the school is separate from the SES provider component of the business and thus should not an impediment to approval. Aspira also supplied greater detail about some program aspects, such as evidence of effectiveness.

Taken together, the May and August materials supplied by Aspira lead staff to recommend approval by the Board.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications

Policy Implications: Board approval will update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers.

Budget Implications: None
Legislative Action: None

Communication: The updated list of Approved Supplemental Education Service Providers will be posted on the ISBE homepage (http://www.isbe.net/nclb/htmls/sesp_isbe_resources.htm) for use by districts and parents of eligible children.

**Pros and Cons of Various Actions**

**Pros:**

Aspira, Inc. of Illinois is affiliated with ASPIRA, an established non-profit educational services entity with 35 years’ experience providing services similar to SES across the nation.

Aspira brings to Illinois another provider with the capacity to assist students from Spanish-speaking homes.

**Cons:**

None.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following motion to approve Chicago Public Schools for inclusion on the state’s list of Approved Supplemental Education Service Providers.

Whereas the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that the State Board of Education promote maximum participation of supplemental educational service providers and maintain an updated list of approved providers, I move that Aspira, Inc. of Illinois be approved for addition to the Illinois list of approved supplemental educational service providers.

**Next Steps**

ISBE will update the Approved List of Supplemental Educational Service Providers and post it on the agency web site.
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