

Action Item - 50

Title: Contract with Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute for services in connection with Phase 2 of Project RiSE (\$300,000) – Added 5.21.2025

Board of Education Meeting Date: 5/29/2025

Action Under Consideration:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

The Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute

Purpose:

To provide services in connection with the Reimagining School Excellence (RiSE) project, including without limitation conducting research of national charter authorizing best practices, reviewing current authorizing practices in Philadelphia, and providing recommendations on authorizing policies and practices.

Start date: 7/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2026

Compensation not to exceed:

\$300,000

Renewal Option:

1 year

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

This contract serves to implement Phase 2 of the Reimagining School Excellence (RiSE) project, a three-phase process focused on the Charter School Performance Framework (Framework). The Framework is used to provide an analysis of charter school performance in conjunction with meeting requirements under, and acting in accordance with, applicable laws. During Phase 2, Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute and any subcontractors will conduct research of national charter authorizing best practices, engage with stakeholders, and provide recommendations to the Board of Education and the Charter Schools Office (CSO) on any proposed reconfiguration of the Framework. The goals of RiSE include advancing

student academic outcomes and closing gaps for historically underserved students at charter schools in Philadelphia.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

Ultimately the success of this contract will be measured by Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute's completion of the specific deliverables, including research on national charter authorizing best practices, engagement with a varied group of stakeholders, and recommendations to the Board of Education and the CSO on any proposed reconfiguration of the Framework that measures charter school academic, financial, and organizational performance.

When applicable, is this an evidence-based strategy? If so, what evidence exists to support this approach?

Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute will be directed to ground deliverables in specific, citable research whenever possible as a result of their work involving research on national charter authorizing best practices and engagement with a varied group of stakeholders.

Funding Source(s)

FY 2025-26; Operating

List contractor

The Institute for Excellence in Education; d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute

Why contractor was/contractors were selected

Institute for Excellence in Education d/b/a National Charter Schools Institute was the highest scorer out of the eight vendors who submitted proposals for NG10577 after completion of scoring with a committee, comprised of sixteen members from various offices across the District.

Charge Account(s)

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Office Originating Request:

Charter Schools Office