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ADOPTED –BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
OCTOBER 6, 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZE ONE MILLION DEGREES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
DISTRICT WIDE

WHEREAS, the District, under Chancellor Salgado’s leadership, has set a goal to close the racial opportunity gap by one-third by 2026 and reach a 55% universal completion rate by 2032;

WHEREAS, One Million Degrees (“OMD”) and the District have a current partnership in which OMD serves up to 900 District students by providing holistic wraparound supports rooted in goal setting, accountability, and community on a student’s pathway to upwardly mobile careers;

WHEREAS, the University of Chicago’s Inclusive Economy Lab randomized controlled trial shows that when scholars apply to OMD before enrolling in college and participate in the program, they are (i) 70% more likely to enroll in community college; (ii) 94% more likely to persist from fall to spring and (iii) 73% more likely to earn a degree (as compared to the control group);

WHEREAS, the District and OMD desire to enter into a separate strategic partnership with the objective of moving beyond OMD serving up to 900 District students to an embedded partnership in which OMD scales up and in the long-term may serve up to 9,000 District students annually;

WHEREAS, the strategic partnership will focus its efforts over the next four years on strengthening the partnership to support long-term scale and on serving more than 3,000 District students annually by the end of the four-year pilot (the “Embedded Program Pilot”);

WHEREAS, the costs of the Embedded Program Pilot are estimated to be twenty million thirty-four thousand four hundred and three United States Dollars (\$20,034,403.00) (the “Program Cost”);

WHEREAS, the Board desires to fund five million dollars of the Program Cost over a four-year period, in accordance with a mutually agreed upon agreement with OMD (the “Program Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the remaining amount of the Program Cost shall be contributed by donors via a fundraising campaign; and

WHEREAS, upon commencement of year three of the Embedded Program Pilot, OMD and the District will review outcomes and commence discussions to implement a new agreement and economically support a follow-up program that may result in OMD servicing up to 9,000 District students annually over time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the Four-Year Program and authorizes the Chair to execute the Program Agreement, upon final approval by the General Counsel of the legal form of such agreement, by which the District shall fund five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of the Program Cost.