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**ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**AUGUST 1, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO EDUCATION SYSTEMS CENTER AT NIU**  
**THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- CHICAGO ROADMAP**

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2023, the Chicago Roadmap entered into a grant agreement with the VIVO Foundation, naming Education Systems Center at NIU (EdSystems) as the consultant to complete outlined components of the agreement's scope of work to develop Allied Health, Biological Sciences, Education, and Business pathways starting from early college through associate degree completion and then to four-year and bachelor's degree completion.

**WHEREAS**, to honor the grant agreement's timeline, services began expeditiously with EdSystems and the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation was to sign the agreement with EdSystems and complete payment for services rendered.

**WHEREAS**, Veronica Herrero was named the new President of the Foundation, prohibiting the Foundation from paying EdSystems given Ms. Herrero's role on the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

**WHEREAS**, Services were rendered by consultant EdSystems throughout FY2024 without a contract, in order to maintain timeliness of grant agreement deliverables and to ensure critical extended degree pathway development did not fall behind, a consequence that would negatively impact students of the Chicago Roadmap Program.

**WHEREAS**, The Office of Academic Affairs, Chicago Roadmap recommends a payment to Education Systems Center at NIU (EdSystems) for \$65,000 for the consulting services rendered.

**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 payment in the amount of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to Education Systems Center at NIU (EdSystems).

**August 1, 2024 – Academic Affairs, Chicago Roadmap**