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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
APRIL 2, 2026

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF COLLABORATION AGREEMENT AND
SHARED FACILITIES USE LICENSE AGREEMENT
ONE MILLION DEGREES
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EXPERIENCE

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel as to the legal form of such agreement, to authorize the execution of an agreement with One Million Degrees (OMD) for the period beginning June 30, 2026 through June 30, 2031, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000,000 over a 5-year period.

VENDOR: One Million Degrees
180 N Wabash Ave. Suite 415
Chicago, IL 60601

USERS: District-wide

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence no sooner than June 30, 2026, and continue through June 30, 2031.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

CCC and One Million Degrees entered a partnership under board resolution 34608 where One Million Degrees will provide a comprehensive, cohort-based holistic support model for community college students. The program combines professional coaching, skill building workshops, emergency assistance, and career navigation. The service program is delivered to students in part by One Million Degrees staff embedded on campus. Each student in the program receives OMD services for a 3-year period, or, until they graduate or transfer from City Colleges.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

Students receive support from One Million Degrees through four pillars: financial, personal, professional, and academic. By addressing both academic and non-academic barriers, the program empowers students to persist, complete their programs, and transition successfully into the workforce or further education.

The model is directly integrated into City College's student retention and completion efforts. Early results from an October 2025 University of Chicago Inclusive Economy Lab study of the expanded model found that students served by City Colleges and OMD's campuswide

expansion earned 3.2 times more credits and were 2.6 times more likely to persist from fall to spring terms than students in the comparison group.

One Million Degrees is uniquely positioned as the only organization with an established service delivery history and existing infrastructure across multiple City Colleges campuses. The model is directly integrated into City College's student retention efforts and cannot be duplicated without access to OMD's curriculum, volunteer network, and on-site relationships.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

In accordance with the sole source of policy and procedures, this purchase is exempt from the district's competitive bidding process.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and recommends a full waiver of the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan due to the nature of the agreement (student support services) and the absence of subcontracting opportunities.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to cooperate with the Inspector General for City Colleges of Chicago in any investigation conducted pursuant to the Inspector General's authority under Article 2, Section 2.7.4(b) of the Board Bylaws.

Ethics – It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to comply with the applicable provisions of the Board's Ethics Policy adopted January 7, 1993, and as amended by the Board.

Contingent Liability – Pursuant to Section 7-14 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, all agreements authorized herein shall contain a clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year.

FINANCIAL:

Total: Not to exceed \$25,000,000 over a 5-year period

Charge to: TBD

Source of Funds: Operational Funds

Budget Line: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

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