
Victory to Manage Two Additional Chicago Charter Schools in 2012

Chicago International Charter School's Board Unanimously Approves Proposal

Chicago, June 15, 2011 – Chicago International Charter School's (CICS) Board of Directors voted unanimously to award Victory Education Partners' management responsibilities of their Avalon and Washington Park campuses. Victory Education Partners has partnered with CICS since 2007, managing their Irving Park and Basil campuses.

"Irving Park and Basil have provided the families of Chicago with a high-quality choice in public education," said Eric Grodsky, Victory Education Partners' Regional Director of Chicago. "We have seen tremendous academic and personal growth in our students at both schools and look forward to replicating our success at the Avalon and Washington Park campuses."

In 2010, CICS Irving Park students achieved their highest composite scores on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) since opening in 2007. On the ISAT math exam, 83.8% of Irving Park's third through fifth grade students met or exceeded the state's benchmark, over nine percentage points above the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) average when comparing similar grades. On the ISAT reading exam, the percentage of students who met or exceeded the state benchmark was nearly thirteen percentage points above the CPS average when comparing similar grades.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to grow our partnership with CICS," said James Stovall, Victory Education Partners' Chief Executive Officer. "Victory and CICS are both committed to providing the families of Chicago with a quality education that meets the needs of today's students. We look forward to achieving this goal in conjunction with CICS in the years to come."

About Victory Education Partners

Victory Education Partners advises and serves independent public charter schools and urban school districts. Its mission is to help charter school leaders and communities create great schools. The organization is unique in its collaborative approach to assisting charter schools and public school districts, and in its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders. Victory was founded in 1999 and has been favorably cited by the U.S. Department of Education, *Time* magazine, Harvard's Kennedy School, and others. To date, the organization has helped create, advise or support over two dozen charter schools, traditional public schools and school districts, educating thousands of school children each day.

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