APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS TO APPOINTED LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCILS AT DEVRY UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE ACADEMY AND BARBARA VICK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve adjustments related to the establishment of Appointed Local School Councils at DeVry University Advantage Academy and Barbara Vick Early Childhood Center and extend their time of service until November 30, 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF ADJUSTMENTS: The provisions of the Board's Policy on Governance of Alternative and Small Schools 07-0124-PO2, as may be amended) shall apply to DeVry University Advantage Academy (DeVry) and Barbara Vick Early Childhood Center (Barbara Vick), except as to the adjustments described below.

DeVry was established July 2005 under Board Report 05-0727-EX16 and serves only junior and senior students. Barbara Vick was established January 2000 under Board Report 00-0125-EX2 and serves only pre-school students.

Adjust Appointment Date: Due to the unique student population at each school and grades served at each school, DeVry, and Barbara Vick wish to move the Appointed Local School Council (ALSC) selection process to the fall of every even numbered year. As a result, the appointment of new ALSC members will move from July 1 to December 1. Shifting the appointment date to December 1 allows the parents of newly enrolled students to be eligible to serve on the ALSC.

Process of Identification of Individuals to Serve on the ALSC: Parents, community residents, teachers, students and advocates may submit nomination forms to the principal from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the last school day of September in even numbered years. The school's current ALSC or current parent advisory group will meet during the first week in October to recommend in order of preference parents, community residents and advocates. These recommendations will be submitted to the Area Instruction Officer no later than October 8th of even numbered years. During the first week in October the principal will conduct non-binding advisory polls of the staff for the teacher representatives. DeVry will also conduct a non-binding poll of students for the student representative. The principal will submit to the Area Instruction Officer the results of the non-binding poll(s) and the principal's recommendation for parent, community resident and advocate positions in order of preference by October 8th. Non-binding poll of DeVry students must be conducted every year.

Term of Office: The term of office for the current ALSC members at Barbara Vick and DeVry shall be extended to November 30, 2008 to ensure that the current ALSC remain in service until the appointment of new ALSC members. Once the new ALSCs are established at DeVry and Barbara Vick the members will serve a two (2) year term of office from December 1 to November 30 two years later. The student ALSC member from DeVry will have a one year term running from December 1 to November 30 the following year.

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