

July 23, 2003

**ESTABLISH THE NEW NORTH RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SERVING GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Beginning with 2003-2004 school year establish the North River Elementary school (formerly Our Lady of Mercy), located at 4416 North Troy Street, as a kindergarten through sixth grade elementary school. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year change the grade structure to pre-kindergarten through seventh grade. Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year change the grade structure to pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A new kindergarten through sixth grade elementary school is being established in the Albany Park area. While the school is being established without an attendance area, students will be enrolled in the following priority order:

1. Students residing in the attendance areas of Haugan who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
2. Students residing in the attendance areas of Hibbard and Volta who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
3. Students residing in the attendance areas of Haugan, Hibbard and Volta who choose to apply to the new school.
4. Students residing in the attendance areas of other schools.

The North River school will become the home school for all kindergarten students enrolled at the school, and residing in the attendance areas of Haugan, Hibbard, or Volta. If these students wish to transfer back to Haugan, Hibbard or Volta after kindergarten they will be subject to the Controlled Enrollment Policy.

If the number of students applying is greater than the number of available seats, lotteries will be held in the same priority order, using the same procedures now in place for magnet schools.

For the purpose of future local school council elections, the local school council community voting area is coterminous with the attendance areas of Haugan, Hibbard, Volta, and Bateman.

The Comprehensive Student Assignment Plan, adopted by the Board of Education on January 22, 1982 (Board Report 82-12), states: "The Board will seek to eliminate overcrowded schools to the greatest extent practicable considering all circumstances."


**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

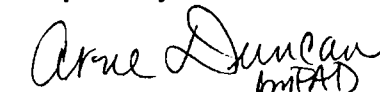
**FINANCIAL:** No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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