

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHICAGO NAVAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the establishment of the Chicago Naval Academy High School located on the Senn High School Campus.

DESCRIPTION

The Chicago Public Schools will open the Chicago Naval Academy High School ("Naval Academy") for school year 2005-2006.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the opening of the Naval Academy High School was held on November 29, 2004 in accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree. The hearing was transcribed. A copy of the transcript and the hearing officer's report are available for review.

Facilities and Campus

The Naval Academy will share a campus with Senn High School (unit number 1540) and the Senn Academic Prep Center (unit number 7650) located at 5900 North Glenwood Avenue. Initially, the Naval Academy will be located in the south wing of the facility on the 2nd and 3rd floors and will occupy approximately 15 general classrooms, 8 administrative spaces, 3 labs and 1 gym. The Senn campus schools will share the lunchroom, chemistry lab, library, and auditorium.

Enrollment

The Naval Academy will enroll students citywide through an application process. However, a minimum of 30% of the seats will be reserved for students from the local community if sufficient demand exists. Prospective students will complete an application packet including teacher recommendations and an essay and will also participate in a candidate interview. Student applicants should be at grade level or better in reading and math. The Naval Academy will enroll approximately 100 freshmen and 50-75 sophomores and juniors in the 2005-06 school year and will add an additional freshman class each year thereafter, not to exceed a total enrollment of 600 students.

Curriculum

The Naval Academy will be a 4-year college preparatory high school offering a curricular focus on citizenship, leadership, service to community, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment while instilling self-esteem, teamwork and self-discipline in students. The general mission of this school is to create leadership opportunities unique to general high schools while offering a vigorous college prep program, preparing students for college and beyond. The students will have opportunities to develop personal character, learn more about the responsibilities of citizenship, and the importance of community service. While offering a comprehensive college prep experience, the theme in the classes will be naval/nautical and military in nature. For instance, class examples and projects might emphasize oceanography, astronomy and navigation as they relate to core subjects. Specialized electives that are currently planned for the Academy include the History of Diplomacy and International Politics. Academy students will have opportunities to travel to US Navy installations and take tours of ships and aircraft as well as interact with sailors of all ranks and jobs from various parts of the US, thereby giving the students diverse experiences. The Naval Academy will establish an external partnership with the Naval Service Training Center, Great Lakes, giving the school access to certain types of expertise and access to a large pool of volunteers with many skills.

Financial Support

Chicago Public Schools will receive \$2,100,000 from the Department of Defense for school start up costs. The Navy will support the Academy by providing cost-sharing for the NJROTC Instructors' pay and also providing uniforms and equipment needed for the naval science curriculum.

Governance

A school governing body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to Board Report 03-0924-EX01, Guidelines for Military Academy Boards of Governors, and pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
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Respectfully Submitted:



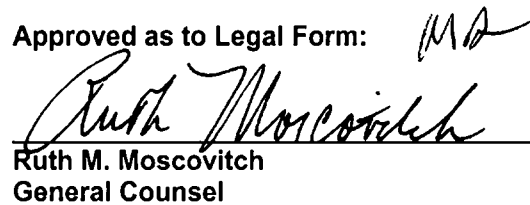
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