

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
TEAM ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the establishment of the TEAM Englewood Community Academy as a Renaissance Performance School located at 6201 South Stewart, Chicago, IL 60621.

**DESCRIPTION:**

School Designation: TEAM Englewood Community Academy will open in the fall of 2007 as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and also as a Performance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 05-1026-PO2, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of TEAM Englewood Community Academy was held on December 4, 2006 at Englewood High School, 6201 South Stewart, in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2006, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties on July 6, 2006. TEAM submitted a proposal on July 6, 2006, and additional supplemental information for the TEAM Englewood Community Academy on September 15, 2006. Pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy, this proposal was reviewed by the Office of New Schools, a Comprehensive Evaluation Team, and the Englewood Transition Advisory Council. Recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

School Design Team: The proposal for the establishment for TEAM Englewood Community Academy was submitted by the TEAM Community Academy Design Team, led by one assistant principal from Corliss High School and two lead teachers, with the assistance and expertise of university partners. CPS will establish the school with the assistance of the design team.

School Profile: TEAM Englewood Community Academy will open in the fall of 2007 serving approximately 150 students in grade 9. In subsequent years the school will add a 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and serve up to 600 students. The Department of School Planning and the Office of New Schools will work with TEAM Englewood Community Academy and the Englewood community to develop an attendance boundary plan for submission to the Board for approval, if appropriate. TEAM Englewood Community Academy plans to partner with city colleges to provide a career prep program focusing on business and logistics. This career prep program will supplement the school's college preparatory program that aims to provide a rigorous and engaging program of high academic standards and expectations.

Governance: Initially, TEAM Englewood Community Academy will establish a transitional governing body. Thereafter, a school governing body shall be appointed by the Board in a timely manner in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's guidelines on the establishment of appointed local school governing bodies.

Performance Plan: The operation and performance of TEAM Englewood Community Academy will be in accordance with a Performance Plan to be established pursuant the Renaissance Policy within 120 days following the approval of this Board Report. The President and the Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to approve and execute the Performance Plan and all ancillary documents necessary to effectuate the Performance Plan. At a minimum, the Performance Plan will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school.

**FINANCIAL:** Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 150 students in 2007-08 will be approximately \$1,132,500. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY07 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** As a Performance School, TEAM Englewood Community Academy will employ CPS teachers and staff. Performance Schools are subject to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the waiver provisions of those agreements.

**Approved:**



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**Barbara J. Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Respectfully submitted:**



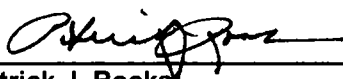
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



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**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
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