ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME AT KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL, BRONZEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, SCHURZ HIGH SCHOOL AND BENITO JUAREZ HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of an International Baccalaureate Programme at Kennedy High School (Kennedy), Farragut High School (Farragut), Bronzeville High School (Bronzeville), Schurz High School (Schurz) and Benito Juarez High School (Juarez) effective July 1, 2013.

DESCRIPTION

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year Kennedy, Farragut, Bronzeville, Schurz and Juarez will offer an honors level International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme for ninth graders and then add one grade each year thereafter, until an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme servers grades 9-10 and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme serves grades 11-12.

ENROLLMENT: Students residing within the attendance boundary of the aforementioned schools are entitled to enrollment within the school but must apply to the honors level IB Programme. Students wishing to enroll in the IB Programme in the aforementioned schools shall apply in accordance with the Office of Access and Enrollment guidelines as outlined in the Options for Knowledge Guide.

CURRICULUM: All accepted 9th graders will be enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Upon completion of 10th grade, students previously enrolled in the Middle Years Programme will enter into the IB Diploma Programme for grades 11-12.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: A total of 20 teaching positions at each of the above schools will be closed at the end of the 2012-13 school year. Educational support personnel positions will not be affected. 20 new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher-in-training positions will be opened for the 2013-2014 school year and filled through the Board's job posting procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: FY13 start up costs are estimated at \$633,375. An addition to the FY14 Magnet, Gifted, and Talented budget of approximately \$280,000 will be sought during the FY14 budget process to pay for additional start up costs. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval. Ongoing costs will include personnel, professional development costs, as well as annual fees payable to International Baccalaureate Organization.

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