

March 28, 2001

APPROVE THE RENAMING OF THE SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the renaming of the Southside College Preparatory Academy.

DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to the guidelines in the Board Policy on Naming and Renaming of Schools, 00-1025-PO2, the following school has requested a name change. This name change will be effective September 1, 2001.

Current School Name	Southside College Preparatory Academy
Current School Address	250 East 111 th Street
Region Number	6
Proposed School Name	Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy
Date of LSC Approval	January 10, 2001
Rationale for Name Change	Gwendolyn Brooks possessed the outstanding character and high values desired for all students. Her contributions as the Illinois Poet Laureate and her life-long pursuit of learning make her a worthy role-model for the children of Chicago.
Brief Biography or Rationale Of Proposed School Name	Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), American poet, the first African American to receive a Pulitzer Prize. Born in Topeka, Kansas, Brooks graduated from Wilson Junior College in Chicago, Illinois, in 1936. Her first book of poems, A Street in Bronzeville (1945), was praised by critics as a clear and moving evocation of life in an Urban black neighborhood. For the collection Annie Allen (1949), Brooks was awarded the 1950 Pulitzer Prize in poetry. Her other works include the Novel and Martha, Bronzeville Boys and Girls, The Bean Eaters, In the Mecca, Riot, Family Pictures, Aloneness, To Disembark, The Near-Johannesburg Boy, Blacks, Gottschalk and the Grande Tarantelle, and Children Coming Home. Brooks also published two autobiographical works, Report from Part One and Part Two.


AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time

Approved for Consideration:


 COZETTE BUCKNEY
 Chief Education Officer

Approved:


 PAUL G. VALLAS
 Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


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