

**RESOLUTION RE: CANTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, in Board Report 01-0328-ED17, the Board changed the grade structure of Canter Middle School ("Canter") from sixth through eighth grade to seventh and eighth grade;

**WHEREAS**, in Board Report 02-0123-EX4, the Board significantly expanded the attendance boundaries for Canter to include the attendance boundaries for Bret Harte and William H. Ray Elementary Schools, as well as Beluah Shoemsmith Elementary School;

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the attendance boundaries for Canter will allow students from Bret Harte, William H. Ray, and Beluah Shoemsmith Elementary Schools and students currently attending nonpublic schools but residing within Canter's new attendance boundaries to attend Canter;

**WHEREAS**, in Board Report 02-0123-EX4, the Board also allows students from Murray Language Academy to attend Canter;

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing changes will not be effective until the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the foregoing changes, one-hundred and ninety-nine students from Shoemsmith (74), Ray (49), Harte (45) and Murray (31), will be eligible to attend Canter as seventh-graders in the 2002-2003 school year;

**WHEREAS**, allowing students from Shoemsmith, Ray and Harte Elementary Schools, from nonpublic schools within Canter's new attendance boundaries and from Murray Language Academy to attend Canter, commencing in the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year, will significantly change the composition of the student population eligible to attend Canter and significantly increase the size of that student population;

**WHEREAS**, the change in the composition, and increase in the size, of the student population eligible to attend Canter, commencing in the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year, will significantly change the composition, and increase the size, of the population of parents thereafter eligible to participate, as both candidates and electors, in Canter Local School Council elections;

**WHEREAS**, district-wide, biennial local school council elections for elementary schools are held on second semester report card pick-up day, which, in 2002, will occur on May 1;

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the attendance boundaries for Canter, commencing in the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year, will significantly change the composition, and increase the size, of the population of community residents thereafter eligible to participate, as both candidates and electors, in Canter Local School Council elections;

**WHEREAS**, allowing students from Murray Language Academy to attend Canter entitles community residents within the voting boundaries for Murray Language Academy to participate, as both candidates and electors, in Canter Local School Council elections commencing in the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year;

**WHEREAS**, allowing community residents within the voting boundaries for Murray Language Academy to participate, as both candidates and electors, in Canter Local School Council elections commencing in the Fall Term of the 2002-2003 school year further contributes to a significant change in the composition, and increase in the size, of the population of community residents thereafter eligible to participate, as both candidates and electors, in Canter Local School Council elections;

**WHEREAS**, conducting the 2002 local school elections for Canter on second semester report card pick-up day would deny the parents or legal guardians of all students eligible to attend Canter as seventh-graders in the following Fall Term the opportunity to participate, as both candidates and electors, in any local school council election for Canter during the students' anticipated two-year enrollment at Canter;

**WHEREAS**, conducting the 2002 local school elections for Canter on second semester report card pick-up day would deny the community residents of Canter's new attendance area and the Murray Language Academy voting district the opportunity to participate, as both candidates and electors, in any local school council election for Canter until 2004;

**WHEREAS**, for all of the reasons cited above, the Chief Executive Officer has determined that changing the date of the next local school council election for Canter from report card pick-up day of the second semester of the 2001-2002 school year to report card pick-up of the first semester of the 2002-2003 school year would facilitate a greater participation in the election, as both candidates and electors, by the parents and community residents who would be eligible to serve on, and be served by, the Canter Local School Council on and after the new election date;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has adopted Board Rule 6-32 ("Change of an Attendance Center's Local School Council Election Date") pursuant to its authority under Sections 5/34-2.1(n) and 5/34-18 of the Illinois School Code, respectively, to conduct fair and impartial local school council elections and to exercise general supervision and jurisdiction over the Chicago Public Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

1. The date of the next local school council election for Canter Middle School shall be and is hereby changed from May 1, 2002, elementary school report card pick-up day of the second semester of the 2001-2002 school year, to November 13, 2002, elementary school report card pick-up day of the first semester of the 2002-2003 school year.
2. The candidates elected in the election described in paragraph 1 shall, dependent upon continuing eligibility, serve a two-year term commencing December 1 immediately following said election.
3. The dates for all succeeding biennial local school council elections for Canter Middle School shall be changed from report card pick-up day of the second semester of every even-numbered year after 2002 school year to report card pick-up of the first semester of every even-numbered year after 2002.
4. The candidates elected in the elections described in paragraph 3 shall, dependent upon continuing eligibility, serve two-year terms commencing on December 1 immediately following said elections.

5. Pursuant to Board Rule 6-31, for the period between July 1, 2002 through November 30, 2002, the Chief Education Officer is granted the authority to approve all budgetary matters necessary to Canter Middle School, including the approval of expenditures and the Canter Middle School School Improvement Plans.
6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.