

June 26, 2002

**ESTABLISH THE BELMONT-CRAGIN AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOL AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SERVING GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Effective July 1, 2002, establish the Belmont-Cragin Community Area elementary school (formerly St. James, a leased facility), located at 5730 West Fullerton Avenue, as a kindergarten through eighth-grade elementary school.

DESCRIPTION:

A new kindergarten through eighth grade elementary school is being established in the Belmont-Cragin area. While the school is being established without an attendance area, students will be enrolled in the following priority order:

1. Students residing in the attendance areas of Lyon, Hanson Park, Schubert, and Reinberg who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
2. Students residing in the attendance areas of Lyon, Hanson Park, Schubert, and Reinberg who choose to apply to the new school.
3. Students residing in the attendance areas of other schools.

If the number of students applying is greater than the number of available seats, lotteries will be held in the same priority order, using the same procedures now in place for magnet schools.

For the purpose of future local school council elections, the local school council community voting area is coterminous with the attendance areas of Lyon, Hanson Park, Schubert, and Reinberg.

The Comprehensive Student Assignment Plan, adopted by the Board of Education on January 22, 1982 (Board Report 82-12), states: "The Board will seek to eliminate overcrowded schools to the greatest extent practicable considering all circumstances."


LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None.


Approved for Consideration:

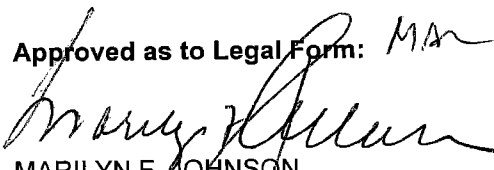

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