

July 23, 2003

ESTABLISH THE NEW MCKINLEY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVING GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SEVENTH

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Beginning with 2003-2004 school year establish the McKinley Park Elementary school (formerly Our Lady of Fatima), located 2744 West Pershing Road, as a kindergarten through seventh grade elementary school. Beginning with 2004-2005 school year establish change the grade structure to kindergarten through eighth grade.

DESCRIPTION:

A new elementary school is being established in the Brighton Park 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 Shields who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
2. Students residing in the attendance areas of Columbia Explorers who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
3. Students residing in the attendance areas of Nathan Davis and Brighton Park who have been involuntarily assigned to other schools;
4. Students residing in the attendance areas of Shields, Nathan Davis and Brighton Park who choose to apply to the new school.
5. Students residing in the Brighton Park community area.
6. Students residing in the attendance areas of other schools.

The McKinley Park Elementary school will become the home school for all kindergarten students enrolled at the school and residing in the attendance area of Shields, Columbia Explorers, Nathan Davis, or Brighton Park. If these students wish to transfer back to Shields, Columbia Explorers, Nathan Davis, or Brighton Park after kindergarten they will be subject to the Controlled Enrollment Policy.

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 Shields, Columbia Explorers, and Brighton Park.

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.

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