

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LUCY FLOWER HIGH
SCHOOL CAMPUS AND THE AL RABY HIGH SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY AND
ENVIRONMENT**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the establishment of the Lucy Flower High School Campus and the Al Raby High School for Community and Environment at the Lucy Flower Campus.

DESCRIPTION:

The former Lucy Flower Career Academy located at 3545 West Fulton Boulevard was closed pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-EX14, effective at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. The Lucy Flower High School Campus shall be established beginning with the opening of the Al Raby High School for Community and Environment (the new "Al Raby School").

Enrollment

The new Al Raby School shall enroll students citywide by application. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants shall be selected by a dual lottery process, which gives preference to students from the local community (defined as within a 2.5 mile radius of 3545 West Fulton Blvd.). The Al Raby School will accept no more than 125 freshmen for the ninth grade in the 2004-05 school year, and will grow one grade per year, never to exceed a total of 500 students.

Curriculum

The Al Raby School will be a 4-year small college preparatory high school offering a curricular focus on community and environment. Students will also study the civil rights movement, with a special focus on Al Raby as one of its prominent leaders. This focus on community activism and development as well as environmental responsibility will make students valuable assets to their current and future communities. Citywide partnerships and collaborations with students, teachers, and outside partners, along with internship opportunities, will enable students to develop the critical thinking skills and knowledge necessary for educational advancement. The criteria for teacher selection at the Al Raby School for Community and Environment shall reflect the structure and content of the college-prep curriculum.

Governance

An advisory governing body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to the Guidelines and Procedures for the Operation of Local School Councils at Small Schools and pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

LSC REVIEW: Not Applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved

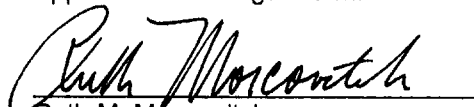


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