

May 26, 2004

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE APPLIED ARTS, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY AT THE ORR CAMPUS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the establishment of the Applied Arts, Science, and Technology Academy at the Orr Campus.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Board Policy 02-0424-PO03 (Adopt Small Schools), Chicago Public Schools will open the Applied Arts, Science, and Technology Academy (AASTA) as Unit # 7300 in the fall of 2004 at the Orr Campus located at 730 N. Pulaski Rd.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the opening of AASTA was held on May 21, 2004 in accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree. The hearing was transcribed and a copy is available for review.

Enrollment

AASTA shall be non-selective, enrolling students from Orr's historic feeder schools (Cameron, Laura Ward, Lowell, Morton, Nobel, Pablo Casals, Piccolo, Ryerson, West Park, Wright) as well as students matriculating from the closing of Orr High School (Unit #1830). AASTA will accept 400 students in the 2004-05 school year in grades 9-12. Orr Campus boundaries will be regularly reviewed to effectuate these enrollment requirements.

Curriculum

AASTA will be a small high school offering a rigorous college preparation curriculum, with an emphasis in science, mathematics, food technology and graphic arts. AASTA will provide students with a challenging, project-based learning program that will prepare them for post-secondary education and the competitive job market. The staff is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that promotes exploration, responsibility, respect, and enthusiasm for learning. All aspects of the school's organization and activities are designed to accommodate the diverse needs of students, to empower them, and to ensure a sense of belonging, so that they may experience success. AASTA plans to blend technology into all learning styles by using the CPS Programs of Study with a cross-curriculum project based learning style. The school has established an external partnership with Loyola University.

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.

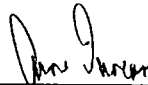
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



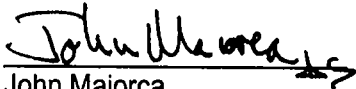
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

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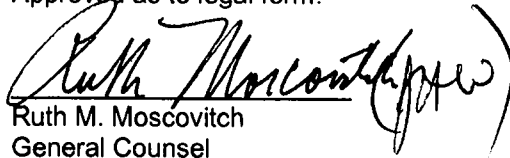
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel