

November 17, 2004

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the establishment of the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine at the DuSable Campus.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Board Report 04-0922-PO4 (Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools), the Chief Executive Officer recommends to the Board that, upon the timely submission of a Performance Plan within ninety days following approval of this Board Report, the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine open in the fall of 2005 at the DuSable Campus located at 4934 South Wabash Avenue as a Performance School. If no Performance Plan is submitted, the Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine open pursuant to Board Report 02-0424-PO03 (Adopt Small Schools Policy).

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the opening of Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 in accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Enrollment

Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine will have an open admissions criteria. Students will be recruited from the immediate community (70%) and the greater Chicago area (30%). The school will be marketed through community organizations and publications, preexisting schools, and community events. Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine will accept 85 students in the 2005-06 school year in grade 7, and add an additional grade each year thereafter. The school will ultimately enroll students in grades 7 – 12, with a total enrollment of no more than 500 students. The DuSable Campus boundaries will be regularly reviewed to effectuate these enrollment requirements.

Curriculum

Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine will be a small middle school and high school offering a rigorous college preparation curriculum, with an emphasis in math and science in order to become part of the medical school pipeline addressing the attrition of underrepresented minority medical school applicants. Students will develop lifelong habits of mind such as responsibility, accountability, discipline, collaboration, continuous inquiry, and a determination to succeed. Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine will develop collaborative relationships with various colleges, universities, medical schools, hospitals, businesses, and other organizations in order to provide the maximum number of opportunities for the students outside of the classroom. The curriculum will utilize Project Based Learning, Service Learning, and AVID Elective classes which will increase college enrollment. The school has established external partnerships with the Willye White Foundation, the American Medical Association, the Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Metro-Chicago Care Council, THINK Inc., University of Illinois, and Northwestern University.

Governance

An advisory governing body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to the guidelines and procedures laid out in Board Report 04-0922-PO4 (Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools) or Board Report 02-0424-PO03 (Adopt Small Schools Policy) 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.

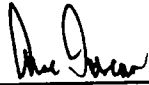
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Ruth M. Moścovitch
General Counsel

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