

APPROVE THE RESTRUCTURING AND RENAMING OF THE JOHN M. SMYTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOHN M. SMYTH MAGNET SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the restructuring and renaming of the John M. Smyth Elementary School (unit # 5970), located at 1059 West 13th Street, and the establishment of the John M. Smyth Magnet School as an International Baccalaureate Magnet School.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2005, John M. Smyth Elementary School will be established as a magnet school with an International Baccalaureate program. The school will continue to serve grades K-8.

Enrollment:

John M. Smyth Magnet School can house approximately 1300 students. Currently, 575 students are enrolled at the school. The John M. Smyth Magnet School will continue to enroll students from its current attendance area for the 2005-06 school year. Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, available remaining seats will be filled through the application process set in the Education Opportunities guide; interested students from outside of the school's attendance area will submit applications to the school. In the event that the number of qualified applicants exceeds the spaces available each year, applicants from outside of the school's attendance area shall be selected by a computerized lottery, which will randomly select students to fill the spaces available at each grade.

Attendance Boundaries:

Each year a demographic assessment will be conducted to determine whether John M. Smyth will maintain its designation as a magnet school with attendance boundaries or will be categorized as a magnet school with no attendance boundaries.

Curriculum:

John M. Smyth Magnet School will provide its students with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP). The IB PYP is an international, trans-disciplinary program designed for students between the ages of 5-11 years. The IB PYP fosters the development of the whole child, encompassing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic welfare. The IB MYP, a continuation of the PYP, is designed for students between the ages of 11-16 years and offers an educational approach that embraces traditional school subjects and continues to incorporate an international and global perspective. The program helps students develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to become a caring, productive and responsible citizen in a global society.

NAME: The facility located at 1059 West 13th Street currently known as John M. Smyth Elementary School shall hereby be named John M. Smyth Magnet School.

LSC REVIEW: Although Local School Council (LSC) approval is not required, on March 3, 2005, the Smyth LSC voted to support the restructuring of Smyth to establish an International Baccalaureate magnet school.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Tenured teachers will be required to reapply for their positions and if not selected will become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's Policy on the Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers (Board Report 04- 0623-PO5).

FINANCIAL: CPS has received a grant from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$8,921,796.00 to support the establishment of five new magnet schools including Smyth. Subject to the guidelines for establishing magnet schools, beginning in 2006, the Bureau of Student Transportation will need to establish bus routes for the new magnet school.

Approved for Consideration:



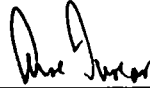
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