

APPROVE THE NAMING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUDER MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the naming and establishment of Suder Montessori Magnet School located at 2022 W. Washington.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2005, Suder Montessori Magnet School will be established as a magnet school with a Montessori program. The school will serve grades preK-K for the 2005-06 school year and a grade will be added each year.

Enrollment:

Suder Montessori Magnet 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 random computerized lottery.

Attendance Boundaries:

No boundaries will be established for this magnet school.

Curriculum:

The new Suder Montessori Magnet School will offer a Montessori model of education beginning with the pre-primary level (preK-K). The classrooms in this model of education are multi-age classrooms. The Montessori curriculum presents an integrated approach that unifies the separate branches of the curriculum into studies of the physical universe, the natural world and the human experience. Literature, mathematics, the arts, writing, history, social science, civics, economics, environmental studies, cosmic education and the sciences all complement one another in the curriculum. Learning occurs in an inquiring, cooperative, nurturing atmosphere. Students increase their own knowledge through self- and teacher-initiated experiences. The criteria for teacher selection at Suder Montessori Magnet School shall reflect the content of the new curriculum.

NAME: The facility located at 2022 W. Washington shall hereby be named Suder Montessori Magnet School.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The school referenced in this Board Report will be staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

FINANCIAL: CPS has received a grant from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$8,921,796.00,(0310-239-307-7783-5990) to support the establishment of five new magnet schools, including Suder Montessori Magnet School. Subject to the guidelines for establishing magnet schools, beginning September 2006, the Bureau of Student Transportation will need to establish bus routes for the new magnet school.

Approved for Consideration:



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Approved:




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Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
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Approved as to legal form:


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