

**CLOSE CARVER MILITARY ACADEMY AND
RE-OPEN CARVER MILITARY ACADEMY AS AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Carver Military Academy ("Carver"), located at 13100 S. Doty Avenue, at the end of the 2005-2006 school year and the re-opening of Carver Military Academy as an alternative school for the 2006-2007 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

In July 2000, Carver Military Academy began the process of converting to become a full Military Academy school. During this time, Carver has enrolled new cadet freshmen classes each year, implemented a military code of conduct to address student behavior, introduced JROTC courses, and added a new Principal with military experience.

Three remaining steps are necessary to conclude Carver's full transition to military academy status: 1) implement a full college preparatory curriculum that fully integrates military themes into core curriculum lesson plans; 2) establish new admissions requirements that are consistent with other CPS military academies; and 3) implement a Military Academy Board of Governors to provide school governance as required by the CPS Military Academy Guidelines.

In order to complete this last transition phase and establish a Military Board of Governors in a manner that complies with the Illinois School Code, Carver must be closed and then re-opened as an alternative school as provided under 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

This closing and re-opening will not affect the current students enrolled at Carver, nor will current staff be reassigned due to these actions.

A racial impact analysis was conducted and determined that the proposed closing and re-opening of Carver would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of Carver.

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the Board's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO02 ("Closing Policy"), a public hearing on the proposed closing of Carver was convened on February 10, 2006, following proper notice to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report of the proceedings to the Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is available for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the Closing Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closing Policy. After receiving the Hearing Officer's Report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Carver in accordance with Section III of the Closing Policy and then re-open Carver as an alternative school as described herein.

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Carver will be dissolved effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year, as the result of the closing of Carver. The new Carver will establish a school governing body in a timely manner in accordance with the Board's Guidelines for Military Academy Boards of Governors (Board Report 03-0924-EX01 as may be amended) and 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

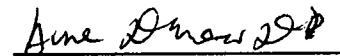
Current staff will not be affected by the actions described herein.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



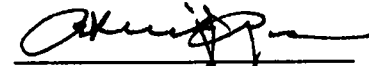
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Chief Executive Officer

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John Maiorca
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