

APPROVE THE EXPANSION OF THE REGIONAL GIFTED CENTERS AT THE BEASLEY ACADEMIC CENTER AND THE PRITZKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the expansion of the Regional Gifted Centers at the Beasley Academic Center and the Pritzker Elementary School from first grade through eight grade to kindergarten through eight grade.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2006, the Regional Gifted Centers at Beasley Academic Center and Pritzker Elementary School will be expanded to include kindergarten.

ENROLLMENT: The Regional Gifted Centers at the Beasley Academic Center and the Pritzker Elementary School shall enroll kindergarten students based on the identification and selection requirements for the Regional Gifted Centers. Parents will complete an application for the Regional Gifted Centers and kindergarten students applying will be tested to determine eligibility for enrollment. Students must live more than 1.5 miles from these schools in order to receive citywide transportation service.

CURRICULUM: The Regional Gifted Centers provide an accelerated instructional program in core content areas and include a world language or Latin, laboratory science, computer science and fine arts. An enriched curriculum allows for skill development appropriate for a student's abilities and interests.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The schools 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: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget.

Approved for Consideration:

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