

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FRAZIER PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MAGNET SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of the Frazier Prospective International Baccalaureate Magnet School ("Frazier IB School") as a Renaissance Performance School located at 4027 West Grenshaw, Chicago, IL 60624.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Frazier IB School will open in the fall of 2007 as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and also as a Performance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 05-1026-PO2, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of Frazier IB School as a Renaissance Performance School was held on November 6, 2006 at Frazier Elementary School, 4027 West Grenshaw, in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2006, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties on September 5, 2006. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

School Design Team: The proposal for the establishment of Frazier IB School was submitted by the Chicago Public Schools—Office of Academic Enhancement. The design team will assume responsibility for establishing the school.

School Profile: Frazier IB School will open in the fall of 2007 serving approximately 150 students in grades K-5. In subsequent years the school will serve up to 350 students in grades K through 8. In its first year, Frazier IB School will accept any children from the former Frazier attendance boundary that apply. Remaining space in the first year will be addressed in a computerized lottery. In future years, a magnet school application and enrollment plan will be developed, while giving priority to students residing in North Lawndale. Frazier IB School will adhere to the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) mission to transform all students into global citizens by promoting intercultural understanding and respect. Methods of instruction will be based on the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) curriculum, which promotes students' awareness of connections between their immediate environment and global issues.

Governance: Frazier IB School will establish a transition governing body. Thereafter, a school governing body shall be appointed by the Board in a timely manner in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's guidelines on the establishment of appointed local school governing bodies.

Performance Plan: The operation and performance of Frazier Prospective International Baccalaureate Magnet School will be in accordance with a Performance Plan to be established pursuant to the Renaissance Policy within 120 days following the approval of this Board Report. The President and the Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to approve and execute the Performance Plan and all ancillary documents necessary to effectuate the Performance Plan. At a minimum, the Performance Plan will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 150 students in 2007-08 will be approximately \$972,750. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY07 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

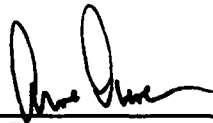
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a Performance School, Frazier IB School will employ CPS teachers and staff. Performance Schools are subject to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the waiver provisions of those agreements.

Approved:



Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



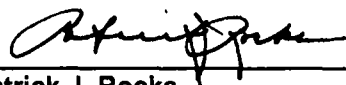
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

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Patrick J. Rocks
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