

**APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A GIFTED 7TH & 8TH GRADE ACADEMIC CENTER PROGRAM AT
LINDBLOM MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the addition of a gifted 7th & 8th grade Academic Center Program at Lindblom Math & Science Academy.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2008, Lindblom Math & Science Academy will be expanded to include a gifted 7th & 8th grade Academic Center Program.

ENROLLMENT: The Academic Center at Lindblom Math and Science Academy shall enroll students based on the identification and selection requirements for all Academic Centers. Parents will complete an application for the Academic Centers. Testing eligibility for students will be based on the student's ISAT national percentile rank in reading and math from 5th grade (6th grade ISAT scores for incoming 8th grade applicants). Standardized achievement test scores from those grade levels may also be used. In order to be eligible for testing, students must score at or above the 70th percentile in both reading and math. Selection of students is based on the following: Entrance examination results; Standardized achievement test scores; Classroom grades; and School attendance. Students must live more than 1.5 miles from these schools in order to receive transportation service.

CURRICULUM: Academic Centers provide a six year college preparatory program for academically gifted and talented students. The curriculum is designed to allow highly motivated students an opportunity to complete the elementary curriculum early, taking high school courses while still in the 7th and 8th grade. Students may also take advanced placement, college-level courses as early as 10th grade.

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: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

Approved for Consideration:



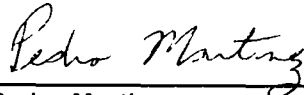
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