

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BURROUGHS II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

That the Board approve the establishment of the Burroughs II Elementary School as a Renaissance Performance School contingent upon Board approval of a site to be identified at a later date.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Burroughs II Elementary School is scheduled open in the fall of 2008 as a Performance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening on the opening of Burroughs II Elementary School was held on October 15, 2007 at Burroughs Elementary School, 3542 Washtenaw Ave, Chicago, IL 60632 in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In April 2007, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Design Frameworks to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties on June 4, 2007. Supplemental proposal materials for approved design frameworks were submitted on August 6, 2007. 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 for Burroughs II Elementary School was submitted by the Burroughs School Design Team, comprised of the principal, assistant principal/curriculum coordinator, assistant principal/principal intern, and a teacher/department head of the current Burroughs School, as well as a member of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. CPS will establish the school with the assistance of the design team.

School Profile: Burroughs II Elementary School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008 serving approximately 325 students in grades K through 5. In subsequent years the school will grow to serve up to 486 students in grades K through 8. The Department of School Planning, the Office of New Schools and the Office of Academic Enhancement is directed to work with Burroughs II Elementary School and community members to develop an attendance plan for submission to the Board for approval. Consistent with Burroughs School, Burroughs II Elementary School will model its academic program on a teacher-driven collaborative approach to curriculum design and implementation, consistent monitoring of student progress and attention to the social and emotional needs of its students. The curriculum will be based on the Illinois Learning Standards, while applying the "whole-part-whole-group" approach in the classroom as teachers skillfully differentiate instruction to meet the wide range of academic needs in each class.

Advisory Body: Initially, Burroughs II Elementary School will establish a transitional advisory body. Thereafter, a Local School Council will be established in a timely manner.

Performance Plan: The operation and performance of Burroughs II Elementary School will be in accordance with a Performance Plan to be established pursuant to the Renaissance Policy and approval by the Board. At a minimum, the Performance Plan will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school.

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: The establishment of the school by the Board and the entering into an evaluation performance plan is contingent upon the school design team meeting the benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools, including, but not limited to, accepting and preparing to open in the CPS facility that is offered to the school design team. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school design team with all deadlines to be met by May 30, 2008. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein and the denial of the performance school application. The Chief Executive Officer or his designee will file a report, approved by the General Counsel as to legal form, indicating the CEO's final approval or denial of the performance school application and the satisfactory resolution of all material issues related to the formation of the school. The report will be filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before June 30, 2008. This final review will be conducted to determine compliance with the terms indicated above.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 325 students in 2008-09 will be approximately \$1,659,775.00. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY08 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a Performance School, Burroughs II Elementary 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:


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Within Appropriation:


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