

March 26, 2008

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPENING OF A NEW ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS LASALLE II MAGNET SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment and opening of a new elementary magnet school, effective July 1, 2008, to be known as LaSalle II Magnet School located at 1148 N. Honore Street.

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2008, LaSalle II Magnet School (LaSalle II Magnet) will open at 1148 N. Honore Street as a magnet school with a World Language program that focuses on critical languages. LaSalle II Magnet will serve approximately 650 students with grades K-8 in the magnet program. The school will serve grades K-2 in September 2008 and a grade will be added each year thereafter until the school serves grades K-8. LaSalle II Magnet will also have a Pre-Kindergarten program.

Enrollment: Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the LaSalle II Magnet School shall enroll students based on a citywide application and lottery. A special magnet application process will be held in the spring 2008 for seats at the school. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants shall be selected by random computerized lottery.

Attendance Boundaries: No attendance boundaries will be established for this magnet school.

Curriculum: LaSalle II Magnet will provide its students with a World Language program. The school will offer a high quality academic program supported by the Integrated Thematic Instruction model that will allow students to learn a foreign language. The program is designed to lead students towards proficiency and advanced proficiency in the language studied. The program will incorporate the five C's of the National Foreign Language Standards: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities throughout the curriculum.

Academic Calendar: At inception, LaSalle II Magnet will follow Chicago Public Schools' standard 10-month academic calendar from August to June. Teachers may be required to commit to training and other activities outside of the academic calendar.

School Day: At inception, LaSalle II Magnet will employ an open campus model with a minimum teacher school day of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. school day. Teachers will commit to after-school training and activities with students, staff and community. Students' standard school day will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After-school programming will be established to provide tutoring, instructional activities, enrichment activities and/or social center activities to students.

GOVERNANCE: Initially, LaSalle II Magnet will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council with voting boundaries will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1c.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: LaSalle II Magnet will be staffed in accordance Board staffing formulas for all positions. World Language Teacher-in-Training positions with a unique program code and World Language Teacher positions with a unique program code will be created. Unique teacher training, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience and qualifications will apply to all teacher positions and may be required for educational support personnel.

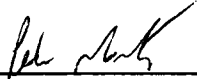
FINANCIAL: CPS has received a grant from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$10,107,216.00 to support the establishment of five new magnet schools including LaSalle II Magnet. Subject to the guidelines for establishing magnet schools, beginning in 2008, the Bureau of Student Transportation will need to establish bus routes for the new magnet school.

Approved for Consideration:



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