

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS MAGNET TRACK AT  
NICHOLAS SENN HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the establishment of a fine and performing arts magnet track at Senn High School, located at 5900 N. Glenwood Ave, to be titled Senn Arts Magnet Program.

**DESCRIPTION:** Effective September 1, 2011, a fine and performing arts magnet program will be established at Nicholas Senn High School. The magnet track will be a program within the school, but will accept students citywide. Senn Arts will serve approximately 60 incoming freshmen during the 2011-2012 school year and will add one grade each year until the program serves grades 9-12.

**Enrollment:** A special magnet application process will be held in spring 2011 for the ninth grade fine and performing arts seats at Senn. All interested students will be required to submit an application and participate in a portfolio and audition selection process, in accordance with enrollment guidelines established for Senn's fine and performing arts magnet program, and in accordance with the Board's Magnet and Selective Enrollment Schools and Programs Policy, 09-1216-PO3, and guidelines. Subsequent application cycles will be aligned to the city-wide process as established by the Office of Academic Enhancement.

**Curriculum:** Senn Arts will feature "academies," which will offer major concentrations of arts disciplines. Initially, students will be able to select from theater and visual art; the program will eventually offer dance and music as well.

Students will take classes that engage the arts foundations, collaborative practices in the arts, research and portfolio development, and studio in all four years of study, in addition to general college preparatory classes.

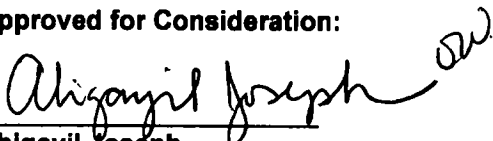
**Academic Calendar:** At inception, Senn Arts Magnet Program will follow the Chicago Public Schools' standard 10-month academic calendar from August to June, with a summer school program in July and August. Teachers may be required to commit to training and other activities outside of the academic calendar.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Senn Arts Magnet Program will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions. Existing fine and performing arts teacher positions may close. Fine and Performing Arts Teacher-in-Training positions with unique program codes and Fine and Performing Arts Teacher positions with unique program codes will be created. In addition to certifications in Fine and Performing Arts, training commitments, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience, and qualifications will apply to all Fine and Performing Arts Teacher and Teacher-in-Training positions. Fine and Performing Arts training qualifications may also be required for certain educational support or paraprofessional and service-related personnel positions.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2011-2012 fiscal budget.


**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**Abigail Joseph**  
**Officer**

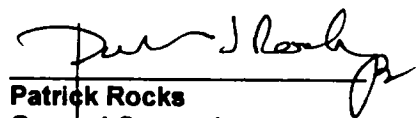
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**Terry Mazany**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
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**Patrick Rocks**  
**General Counsel**