

**APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADEMIC CENTER PROGRAM AT  
LANE TECH HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Center Program at Lane Tech High School, 2501 W. Addison Street.

**Description:** Effective September 1, 2011, Lane Tech High School will be expanded to include a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Center Program. The program will begin at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2011-2012 school year and expand to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade the following year.

A Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Lane Tech High School, 2501 W. Addison Street, to discuss the proposed recommendations.

**Enrollment:** The Academic Center at Lane Tech High School shall enroll students in accordance with the Board's Magnet and Selective Enrollment Schools and Programs Policy, and guidelines. A special application process will be held in spring 2011 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade seats at the school.

**Curriculum:** Academic Centers provide a college preparatory program for academically gifted 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

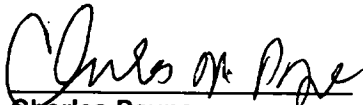
**LSC Review:** Not applicable.

**Personnel Implications:** The Academic Center will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions.

**Financial:** An increase to the Office of Academic Enhancement budget of \$118,000 from the Office of Management and Budget is necessary to fund a coordinator position and program costs. In subsequent years, the amount will be \$125,000.

**Transportation:** Transportation will be provided in accordance with the Board's Magnet and Selective Enrollment Schools and Programs Policy (10-1117-PO1).

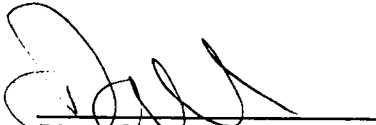
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**Charles Payne**  
**Chief Education Officer**

**Approved:**

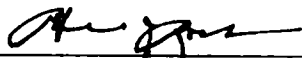
  
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**Terry Mazany**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Diana S. Ferguson**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to legal form:**



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