

**RECLASSIFY THE AUSTIN BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY
AS A SMALL SCHOOL AND APPROVE A CTE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

On November 16, 2005, the Board approved the establishment of the Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy ("ABEA") located at 231 N. Pine, Chicago, IL 60623 and approved entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with American Quality Schools ("AQS"), an Illinois not for profit corporation, for the operation of the ABEA as an alternative school. (See Board Report, 05-1116-EX16.) The contract between the Board and AQS terminates effective June 30, 2011. AQS has withdrawn its proposal to renew its contract for an additional term and will cease operations at the ABEA at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Whereas, the ABEA continues to exist as an attendance center of the Chicago Public Schools, the CPS Office of College and Career Preparation proposes to operate a Career Technical Education (CTE) College and Career Academy focused on Business within the school. On March 2, 2011, a community meeting was held at ABEA, 231 N. Pine to discuss the reclassification and continued operation of the school. Effective July 1, 2011, this Board Report will succeed Board Report 05-1116-EX16.

DESCRIPTION:

Curriculum: All students enrolled in ABEA will enroll in core academic coursework preparing them for postsecondary success. In addition, CTE Business programming will be established in ABEA and will offer basic and advanced coursework in accounting, finance, and entrepreneurship to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. 9th grade students will be offered CTE's College & Career Readiness Foundations course, which covers basic technology skills, financial literacy, career exploration, and employability skills. CTE Business students at ABEA will also have access to opportunities such as job shadows, internships, and other industry-focused experiences through various business partnerships facilitated by the Office of College and Career Preparation.

Enrollment: The students currently enrolled in ABEA will be allowed to remain enrolled in the school. Individual student profiles will be analyzed to determine placement and coursework for existing ABEA students. For incoming students, the district shall give preference to students that have a minimum stanine of 5 in math and reading on their seventh grade standardized tests, and to students with disabilities who have minimum stanines in math and reading that add up to 10 in any combination. Preference will also be given to students who reside within the proximity boundaries of 2.5 miles, to achieve at least a 30 percent neighborhood component of the program's enrollment. Where there are more applicants than available seats, a computerized lottery process will be used when applying a preference category.

Program Applications: In the fall of 2011, and each fall thereafter, the District shall make available a CTE College and Career Academy application for students seeking enrollment as 9th graders. Post-deadline transfer requests must be approved by the Office of College and Career Preparation.


Governance: The ABEA will be classified as a small school and an alternative local school council will be established in a timely manner pursuant to Board Report 00-0125-EX2 Guidelines for Alternative Local School Councils, as amended, and pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

School Responsibilities: ABEA is required to comply with all school obligations set out in the CTE College and Career Academy guidelines issued by the Office of College and Career Preparation.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Board rules, policies, practices and collective bargaining agreements will govern any impact on positions and staff at the schools.

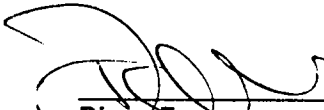
FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed as part of the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

Approved for Consideration:



Nora Moreno-Cargie
Chief of Staff

With Appropriation:



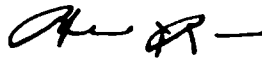
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