

**CHANGE THE SCHOOL'S EDUCATIONAL FOCUS AND CHANGE THE SCHOOL'S NAME TO
EDWARD A. BOUCHET INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CHICAGO**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the change of educational focus of Edward A. Bouchet Math and Science Academy, located at 7355 S. Jeffery Blvd., to the International Baccalaureate Primary and Middle Years Programmes, as well as change the school's name to Edward A. Bouchet International Academy of Chicago.

A community hearing was held on April 18, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Bouchet Math and Science Academy, to discuss the proposed recommendations.

This approval is necessary to establish a change of educational focus that will offer two International Baccalaureate Programmes that will serve all students in grades K-8.

Description: Effective September 1, 2011, the newly named Bouchet International Academy of Chicago (Bouchet International) will offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) as its educational focus for grades K-2 and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) as its educational focus for grades 6-8. The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme will expand to grades 3-5 in 2012-2013.

Enrollment: Bouchet International will continue to enroll students who live within its attendance boundary, and fill remaining spaces through a citywide application and lottery process. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants will be randomly selected through a computerized lottery in accordance with the Magnet and Selective Enrollment Admissions policy (10-1117-PO1).

As part of the establishment of an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme between Bouchet and South Shore International College Preparatory High School, beginning in the fall of 2012, students currently enrolled in Bouchet's eighth grade class (MYP Year 3) will be automatically entitled to matriculate into the ninth grade at South Shore to complete years 4 and 5 of the IB MYP.

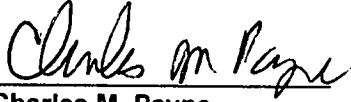
Curriculum: Bouchet International will provide its students with an international education beginning at the kindergarten level. The school will offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years (PYP) at grades K-5 and the Middle Years Programme (MYP) at grades 6-8. Both the PYP and MYP provide students with academically challenging and balanced programs of education that require study across a broad range of subjects, and give special emphasis to learning languages. These programs will equip students with the skills to learn and acquire knowledge, individually or collaboratively, and to apply these skills and knowledge accordingly across all subject areas.

LSC Review: Not applicable.

Personnel Implications: Bouchet International will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions. Neighborhood Program teacher positions at all grades (K-8), will be closed and new teacher positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher-in-training positions will be opened for the 2011-2012 school year and filled through the Board's job posting procedures. Educational support personnel positions will not be affected.

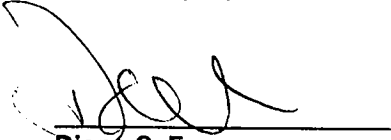
Financial: An increase to the Office of Academic Enhancement budget of \$600,000 (per year) from the Office of Management and Budget is necessary to fund approved IB training for school staff, administration and fees associated with authorization. Projected costs also include five Office of Academic Enhancement-funded teacher positions with two designated as IB Coordinators and three designated as world language instructors starting in fall 2011.

Approved for Consideration:



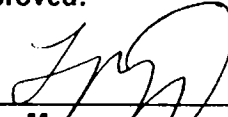
Charles M. Payne
Chief Education Officer

Within Appropriation:



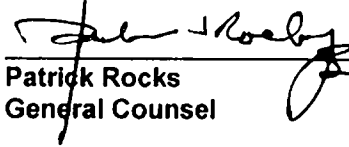
Diana S. Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



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