

April 27, 2011

CONSOLIDATE THE HIGH SCHOOL OF BOWEN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES HIGH SCHOOL, THE CHICAGO DISCOVERY HIGH SCHOOL, AND GLOBAL VISIONS HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM HIGH SCHOOL AND ESTABLISH A SINGLE REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL IN THE BOWEN CAMPUS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2011, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate the Bowen Environmental Studies High School (School ID 610307), the Chicago Discovery High School (School ID 610309), and the Global Visions High School (School ID 610324) into the New Millennium High School (School ID 610323), thereby establishing a single regular high school in the Bowen Campus.

The new high school will include a college preparatory curriculum with a rigorous academic focus and excellent educational opportunities for the Bowen community. The high school will also offer various career and technical educational opportunities. Currently, these four high schools are located at 2710 East 89th Street. Students currently attending all four schools and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to the new High School.

In order to ensure a smooth transition and that all students are on track to a timely graduation, the Chief Area Officer will implement the following:

- (1) A team of counselors shall be assigned to review each student's transcript during the 4th quarter and during the summer to develop an individualized plan to ensure that every student is on track to graduation;
- (2) Summer school shall be offered to all current students to allow credit recovery if needed;
- (3) The receiving school will be designed so that students will be able to continue on their current academic tracks with little or no interruption. The receiving school will continue to offer credit retrieval opportunities to students in need of assistance to getting back on track to a timely graduation.

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or his designee shall engage the school community, pursuant to the Board's policy on Naming and Renaming of Schools, (03-0326-PO 04) to determine whether the school shall be renamed James H. Bowen.

The Office of Safety and Security will work closely with the Chicago Police Department and interested community outreach agencies to ensure that students travel safely to school and to ensure that there are no violent incidents involving the students of the new high school.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1, the CEO may recommend to the Board of Education, following a public hearing, the consolidation of schools. On or about March 22, 2011, the CEO sent notice of a public hearing to all interested parties regarding his proposal to consolidate the Bowen Environmental Studies High School, Chicago Discovery High School, and Global Visions High School into the New Millennium High School due to space utilization and alternative use of the facilities. The public hearing was held on April 6, 2011 at 6:30pm at 125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois.

On April 6, 2011, the CEO, through an independent Hearing Officer, Fredrick Bates, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate the Bowen Environmental Studies High School, Chicago Discovery High School, and Global Visions High School into the New Millennium High School. Oral and written comments were received from those members of the public who wished to comment. The record of the public hearing was left open until Thursday, April 7, 2011 until 5 pm. to receive any additional comments that members of the public wished to submit in writing to the hearing officer.

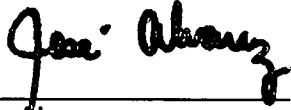
Hearing Officer Bates issued a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which he recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate the Bowen Environmental Studies High School, Chicago Discovery High School, and Global Visions High School into the New Millennium High School. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO decided to proceed in recommending that the Board authorize the consolidation of the Bowen Environmental Studies High School, Chicago Discovery High School, and Global Visions High School into the New Millennium High School effective June 30, 2011. The proposal does not change the attendance area boundary currently assigned to the Bowen HS Campus.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, the Appointed Local School Councils at Bowen Environmental Studies High School, Chicago Discovery High School, Global Visions High School and the New Millennium High School shall be dissolved on June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of these schools into the New Millennium High School. The CEO or his designee shall involve the school community in creating an interim advisory local school council to take the place of the dissolved appointed local school councils. An election shall be held as prescribed by law on the date of the second semester parent report card pick-up day to elect a regular local school council. The newly elected local school council shall take office on July 1, 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Will be addressed during the development of the 2011-2012 fiscal budget.

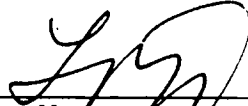
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to the schools affected by this authorization will be determined pursuant to the CPS staffing formulas, Board Policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:



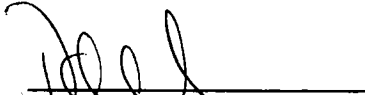
Jose Alvarez
School Relations Officer

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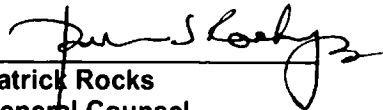
Terry Mazany
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Diana S. Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel