

**APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A REGIONAL GIFTED CENTER  
AT NATIONAL TEACHERS ACADEMY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Approve the addition of a Regional Gifted Center be established at the National Teachers Academy ("NTA") (School ID 610231) (BR 07-0725-EX09), located at 55 West Cermak Road.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the Regional Gifted Center will serve a kindergarten and a first grade class and then add one grade each year thereafter, until the Regional Gifted Center serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Regional Gifted Center at NTA shall enroll students based on the identification and selection requirements for all Regional Gifted Centers based on the Board's Admissions Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment, and other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (BR 11-0824-PO2). Students may qualify for transportation in accordance to guidelines printed in the Options for Knowledge Guide.

**CURRICULUM:**

The Regional Gifted Center provides an accelerated instructional program that places an emphasis on thinking, reasoning, problem solving and creativity. In addition to rigor in the core content areas, instruction may include a world language or Latin, laboratory science, computer science and fine arts. A differentiated, enriched curriculum allows for development appropriate for the gifted student's abilities and interests.

**TEACHERS ACADEMY:**

NTA will continue to be a teacher's academy and the Regional Gifted Center will participate in any and all professional development and training as deemed appropriate. NTA will continue to be an Alternative School as established by in 2002. (BR 02-0327-EX09) with the appointed LSC continuing to exist as established by (BR 07-0725-EX9).

**PERSONNEL**

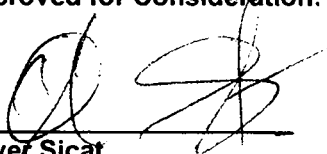
**IMPLICATIONS:**

The schools referenced in this Board Report will be staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

**FINANCIAL:**

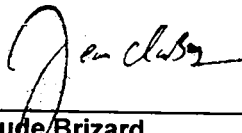
As the RGC reduces in size due to the restriction of new applications, the resources that come available will be used for the new RGC at NTA. Therefore, the new RGC at NTA is budget neutral.

Approved for Consideration:



**Oliver Sicat**  
Chief Portfolio Officer

Approved:



**Jean Claude Brizard**  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form. <sup>jc</sup>



**James Bebley**  
General Counsel