

December 19, 2012

**ESTABLISH A NEW EARLY COLLEGE MEDICAL SCIENCES HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
RICHARD T. CRANE MEDICAL PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the establishment of a new Early College Medical Sciences High School to be known as Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School (RTC). In accordance with Board Report 12-0222-EX8, it is anticipated that RTC will be located at 2245 West Jackson Boulevard, subject to final approval by the Board.

This proposed high school is the result of collaboration between Chicago Public Schools and the Crane Task Force. The Task Force met with CPS multiple times since February 2012, including February 28, April 20, May 17, May 23, May 30, May 31, June 6, July 5, July 6, July 13, and September 29. In late summer 2012, the Task Force and CPS collaborated on a principal selection process, resulting in the staffing of RTC's new principal in the fall of 2012.

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2013, RTC will open as a magnet High School with an emphasis on medical career development. Starting September 2013, the school will serve approximately 200 students in grade 9, and a similarly sized grade will be added each consecutive year until the school serves grades 9 – 12.

CURRICULUM: All students at RTC will enroll in core academic coursework that prepares them for postsecondary success. In addition, RTC will collaborate with the Office of Pathways to College and Career, as well as post-secondary and industry partners located in the communities surrounding RTC to provide every student with exposure to, and the opportunity to earn credentials towards, careers in medical science. RTC will feature multiple tracks within medical sciences.

ENROLLMENT: The Chief Executive Officer or her designee is directed to hold a special application process for ninth grade seats at the school in winter/spring of the 2012/2013 school year. Applicants must have minimum stanines of 5 in reading and 5 in math on their 7th grade ISAT exam to apply for this program (combination of 10 for students with disabilities). If there are more qualified applicants than available seats, students will be selected in accordance with the Admission Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment, and Other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (11-0824-P02). Thus, 40% of seats will be allocated to the proximity lottery and the balance to the citywide socioeconomic tier lotteries.

Beginning with the 2014-2015 application year, RTC shall enroll students based on the guidelines set forth in the Office of Access and Enrollment's High School Guide.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: RTC will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas and job posting procedures for all positions. Unique teacher training, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience, and qualifications may apply to some teacher positions and may be required for educational support personnel.

GOVERNANCE: Initially, RTC will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council with voting boundaries will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1c.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be assessed as part of the FY 14 budget process and that subsequent appropriations are subject to Board approval.

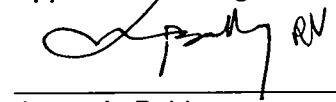
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