

**APPROVE A SCHOOL NAME MODIFICATION:
FOR BACK OF THE YARDS IB HIGH SCHOOL
TO MODIFY THEIR SCHOOL NAME TO
BACK OF THE YARDS COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the board approve a school name modification to permit Back of the Yards IB High School to modify its name to Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School effective April 4, 2013.

Description: The Back of the Yards name modification is proposed to more accurately reflect the school's rigor and high standards to students and the school community. The new school will include a 4-year International Baccalaureate curriculum and will also include opportunities for students to participate in Advanced Placement courses, as well as Dual Credit courses, giving students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school.

On December 19, 2012, the Chicago Board of Education approved the establishment of a new high school to be located at 2111 W. 47th Street, Chicago, IL 60609, Board Report: 12-1219-EX4. The high school was referred to as the Back of the Yards IB High School for identification purposes. Upon the Board's approval to establish this new high school, input on a school name was sought from parents, students, and other community stakeholders by way of community meetings held on November 21, 2012, November 26, 2012, November 29, 2012, and December 11, 2012. Ballots were created and voting took place at six elementary schools located in the community: Chavez, Daley, Hamline, Hedges, Lara, and Seward. The following three options were surveyed and are included with voting results appearing in order of preference:

- 1) Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School, 436 Votes
- 2) Back of the Yards International High School, 372 Votes
- 3) Arturo Velasquez at Back of the Yards High School, 259 Votes

LSC REVIEW: Not Applicable

FINANCIAL: Back of the Yards is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the implementation of this school name modification.

Approved for Consideration:


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Respectfully Submitted:


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Approved as to Legal Form:


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