

**APPROVE CHANGE TO THE EDUCATIONAL FOCUS BY EXPANDING THE INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME SCHOOLWIDE AT MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve a change of educational focus by expanding the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme school wide at Morgan Park High School (Morgan Park).

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2014, the existing IB programme at Morgan Park will expand the number of students participating in IB programmes through enrollment and conversion of existing courses to satisfy IB curricular requirements. Currently, only a portion of incoming 9th grade cohort is offered IB coursework. Morgan Park will expand access to IB coursework to all students enrolled. This change expands the number of school wide IB programmes in CPS (See Board Report 12-1219-EX6 for the other school wide IB programmes).

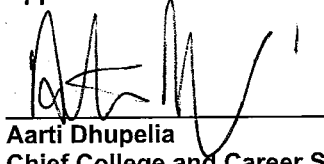
ENROLLMENT: Students residing within the Morgan Park attendance boundary are entitled to enrollment within the school and the IB programme. If all available 9th grade seats are not filled by students residing within the attendance boundary, students living outside of the attendance area may apply for available honors level IB seats within the aforementioned schools through the guidelines set forth in the Office of Access and Enrollment's Options for Knowledge Guide.

CURRICULUM: All attendance area 9th graders in Full School IB Programmes will be enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Upon completion of 10th grade, students previously enrolled in the Middle Years Programme will select one of several IB related options for 11th and 12th Grades. Those options include but are not limited to: IB Diploma Programme, IB Subject Certification, IB Career Related Certificate, and IB Core.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The Board will open new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher positions of International Baccalaureate teacher-in training positions and staffed by qualified teachers. Board representatives will discuss and attempt to resolve any impacts on current teaching staff with the teachers' bargaining representative. Educational Support Personnel positions will be unaffected.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the FY15 budget. Funds in the FY14 budget of Magnet, Gifted and IB Programs of approximately \$75,000 will be sought to pay for start-up costs this fiscal year. Ongoing costs will include personnel, professional development costs, and annual fees payable to the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Approved for Consideration:



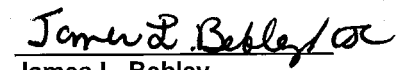
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