

October 22, 2014

**AUTHORIZE CHANGE TO THE EDUCATIONAL FOCUS AT JOHN HANCOCK COLLEGE  
PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board authorize a change to the educational focus at John Hancock College Preparatory High School ("Hancock") (School ID 609694), located at 4034 West 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois from an attendance area high school to a citywide Selective Enrollment High School (SEHS) program and a College and Career Academy (CCA) program, effective July 1, 2015.

A public hearing regarding changing the educational focus will be held on October 21, 2014.

**DESCRIPTION:** Effective July 1, 2015, a SEHS and a CCA program will be established at Hancock High School. Both programs will be phased in beginning with incoming 9th grade classes beginning in fall 2015. The SEHS program will be a citywide program serving approximately 105 incoming freshmen and the CCA program will serve approximately 105 incoming freshmen and provide a neighborhood preference for students living in its proximity area. Both programs will phase in one grade per year until the programs serve approximately 840 students in grades 9-12.

**Curriculum:**

Selective Enrollment High School (SEHS): The SEHS program provides academically advanced high school students with a challenging and enriched college preparatory experience that includes honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

College and Career Academy (CCA): The CCA program offers a series of courses focused on high-demand industries which incorporate rigorous classroom instruction, hands-on training, real work experience, and extra student supports into a college-preparatory curriculum to prepare students for postsecondary success. The CCA program at Hancock will be split into two academies: Pre-Law and Pre-Engineering.

**Enrollment:** Current Hancock students are entitled to complete their education at the school while the SEHS and CCA programs are phased in. Beginning with the 2014-2015 application year, Hancock will enroll 50% of its students citywide for the selective enrollment seats and 50% of its students for the CCA program.

SEHS Enrollment: Students enrolling in the SEHS program will do so in accordance with the Board of Education's Admissions Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment and Other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2).

CCA Enrollment: Approximately 105 seats will be designated annually for the CCA programs. For the 2014-2015 application year, students must qualify in the following manner: Minimum 7<sup>th</sup> grade NWEA MAP scores of 24% are required to apply (combination percentile of 48% for students receiving special education or bilingual education services). Applicants will be awarded points based on 7<sup>th</sup> grade final grade point average in core courses and 7<sup>th</sup> grade test scores. Selections will be made based on highest point totals, with preference first given to eligible students within the proximity area. If there are not enough eligible applicants from within the proximity area, students from outside of the area will be selected based on total points. After the initial application year, eligibility and rubric will be defined by the Office of Access and Enrollment in its guidelines.


**Proximity Area:** The proximity boundary will be:

Beginning at Harlem Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Street (city limits)  
East along city limits to Laramie Avenue  
North along city limits to the Stevenson Expressway  
Northeast, north and east along city limits to the Sanitary Ship Canal and the Belt  
RR at Kenton Avenue (extended)  
Northeast to Belt RR at Central Park Avenue  
South to 44<sup>th</sup> St (extended)  
East to Spaulding Avenue  
South and east to Archer Avenue  
Northeast to Kedzie Avenue  
South to the Belt and IHB RR at 49<sup>th</sup> Street (extended)  
East to Mozart Street (extended)  
South to 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Richmond Street  
South to 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to the Penn Railroad (at Leavitt)  
South to Norfolk Southern/Belt Railroad (75<sup>th</sup> Street)  
East to Damen Avenue  
South to 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Cicero Avenue  
North to 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Harlem Avenue  
North to the starting point

**Personnel Implications:** Hancock will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas 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.

**Financial Implications:** The Office of Magnet, Gifted, and IB programs will request additional funding of approximately \$670,000 during the FY16 budget process. Funds will be used to support 2 additional teaching positions as well as technology and materials.

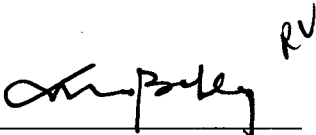
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