

September 29, 2015

**APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACADEMIC CENTER PROGRAM  
AT GWENDOLYN BROOKS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Center program at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School ("Brooks HS") (School ID 609726), located at 250 E 111th St, Chicago Illinois.

**Description:** Effective July 1, 2016, Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School will be expanded to include a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Center Program. The Academic Center will begin at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2016-2017 school year and expand to 8<sup>th</sup> grade the following year.

**Curriculum:** The Academic Center at Brooks HS will provide a college preparatory program for academically gifted and talented seventh and eighth grade students designed to allow high-achieving and motivated students the opportunity to complete the elementary curriculum and enter high school classes in English, social studies, science, mathematics, world language, and music or art.

**Enrollment:** Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Academic Center at Brooks HS shall enroll students in accordance with the Board's Admissions Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment and Other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (14-0827-PO1).

**LSC Review:** Not applicable

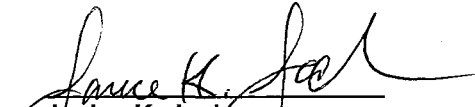
**Personnel Implications:** The Academic Center will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions.

**Financial Implications:** The Office of Magnet, Gifted, and IB programs will request additional funding of approximately \$370,000 during the FY17 budget process. Funds will be used to support 1 additional teaching position as well as technology and materials.

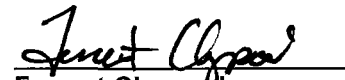
**Transportation:** Transportation will be provided in accordance with the Board's Admissions Policy for Magnet, Selective Enrollment and Other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (14-0827-PO1).

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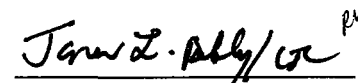
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