

**ESTABLISH A NEW AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS CHICAGO BUILDS
AT DUNBAR VOCATIONAL CAREER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of a new Area Vocational Center (AVC) focused on the construction trades to be known as Chicago Builds (Chicago Builds) at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy High School (Dunbar) at 3000 South King Drive.

A public Town Hall community meeting was held on March 19, 2016 at Dunbar to discuss the establishment of the AVC.

Chicago Builds is the result of collaboration between Chicago Public Schools, Dunbar administration and its Local School Council (LSC), local Trade Unions, and community members.

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2016, Chicago Builds will open at Dunbar with an emphasis on construction trades training. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the program will serve approximately 120 students in grades 11-12 with approximately 60 students coming from Dunbar and approximately 60 students from citywide enrollment. A similarly sized cohort will be added each consecutive year. Dunbar student participation will be at Dunbar as part of the regular school day. Citywide student participation will occur at Dunbar at the end of their regular school day.

CURRICULUM: All students at Chicago Builds will enroll in training-level coursework that prepares them for postsecondary success. In addition, Chicago Builds will collaborate with the Office of College and Career Success (OCCS), as well as post-secondary and industry partners to provide every student with exposure to, and the opportunity to earn credentials towards careers in the trades. Chicago Builds will feature multiple career tracks within the trades: carpentry, electricity, HVAC-R (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, & refrigeration), and welding.

ENROLLMENT: For selecting eligible incoming junior and senior students to be served in the 2016-2017 school year, the application process allowed an application window of April 25, 2016 through June 13, 2016. All eligible students will be served unless there are more eligible students than available seats in which case, a lottery will be held giving students with a minimum of a 2.0 unweighted GPA and 80% attendance preference for selection over other eligible students.

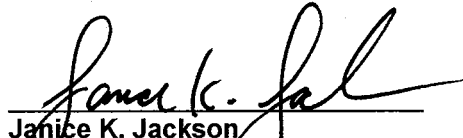
The CEO or designee is authorized to develop procedures and guidelines on subsequent admission and continued participation in Chicago Builds. The CEO or designee may also issue revised or updated procedures and guidelines as necessary for the effective implementation of an AVC.

TRANSPORTATION: Reduced fare cards may be provided to citywide students for daily travel to and from Dunbar.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The AVC 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.


FINANCIAL: The programs offered at the AVC will be staffed via funding from CPS Central Office with supplemental funding from OCCS as permitted from the Perkins grant. Other financial implications will be assessed as part of the FY17 budget process and that subsequent appropriations are subject to Board approval.

Approved for Consideration:




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