

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPENING OF A NEW CLASSICAL SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BRONZEVILLE CLASSICAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the establishment and opening of a new classical school to be known as Bronzeville Classical Elementary School ("Bronzeville Classical").

A formal school name shall be assigned by the Board prior to June 30, 2018 in accordance with the procedures identified for the naming of new schools in the Board's Policy on Naming and Re-Naming Schools (Board Report 03-0326-PO4).

The following community meetings were held: November 8, 2017, at Doolittle Elementary School, 535 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, November 13, 2017 at the Chicago Urban League, 4510 S. Michigan Avenue and November 20, 2017 at Robert's Temple Church of God in Christ, 4210 S. State Street.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the fall of 2018, Bronzeville Classical will open at 8 W. Root Street. The school will serve grades K-2 in September 2018 and a grade will be added each year thereafter until the school serves grades K-8. Bronzeville Classical will serve approximately 600 students with grades K-8.

**ENROLLMENT:** Bronzeville Classical shall enroll students based on the identification and selection requirements for all Classical Schools, as outlined in the Board's Policy on Admissions for Magnet Schools, Selective Enrollment and other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (17-0426-PO2).

The Office of Access and Enrollment will develop a process to amend the GoCPS Application to enable students applying to enroll in grades K-2 in the 2018-2019 school year to select Bronzeville Classical School as an option. Parents applying to enroll their students in grades K-2 will be notified of the amended application and may reapply in accordance with the established guidelines.

**CURRICULUM:** The Classical School curriculum at Bronzeville Classical will be designed to provide a challenging liberal arts course of instruction for students with high academic potential. Bronzeville Classical will provide the acceleration of one year above grade level in reading and math.

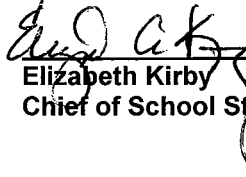
**TRANSPORTATION:** School bus transportation will be provided in accordance with the Board's Policy on Admissions for Magnet Schools, Selective Enrollment and other Options for Knowledge Schools and Programs (17-0426-PO2).

**GOVERNANCE:** Initially, Bronzeville Classical will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council with voting boundaries will be established pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1c.

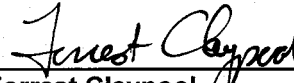
**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Bronzeville Classical will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions. New teachers will be hired through a merit-based competitive process, prioritizing qualifications and experience. Unique teacher training, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience and qualifications will apply to all teacher positions and may be required for educational support personnel.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.


**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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