

October 24, 2018

**ESTABLISH A NINTH GRADE PROXIMITY BOUNDARY FOR TAFT HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

That the Board approve the establishment of a proximity boundary for Taft High School (School ID 609734).

**DESCRIPTION:** Effective July 1, 2019, Taft High School will be comprised of a Taft Freshman Academy at 4071 N. Oak Park Avenue and existing Taft High School main facility located at 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue. The Taft Freshman Academy is expected to accommodate the Taft academic center students in addition to incoming ninth grade students. The Taft main facility is expected to accommodate Taft's rising tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students.

Taft is projected to enroll approximately 1,000 freshmen every year beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. After incoming freshmen applicants who reside within Taft's traditional attendance area boundary and rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in Taft's grade academic center program are admitted, if there is sufficient capacity for additional incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, students residing in the proximity area who apply to Taft will be granted a preference to attend over students who reside outside of the proposed proximity area.

A community meeting will convene on October 23, 2018 at Wilbur Wright College, 4300 N Narragansett Avenue, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to establish the proximity boundary beginning July 1, 2019.

**Proximity Boundary for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants only:**

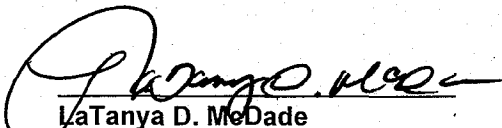
Beginning at the Des Plaines River and Montrose Avenue Extended  
East to East River Road  
South and east to Montrose Avenue  
East to Thatcher Road  
South to Irving Park Road  
East to Harlem Avenue  
North, northeast and east along the city limits to Narragansett Avenue  
South to Irving Park Road  
East to Menard Avenue  
South to Byron Street  
West to Austin Avenue  
South to Addison Street  
West to Narragansett Avenue  
South to School Street  
West to Neenah Avenue  
North to Roscoe Street  
West to Natoma Avenue  
South to School Street  
West to Oak Park Avenue  
South to Belmont Avenue  
West to Harlem Avenue  
South to Wellington Avenue  
West to Oriole Avenue  
North to Belmont Avenue  
West to the Des Plaines River  
North to the starting point

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** NONE

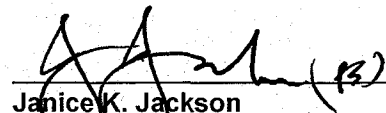
**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Board rules, policies, practices and collective bargaining agreements will govern any impact on positions and staffing.

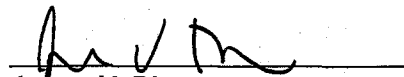
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
LaTanya D. McDade  
Chief Education Officer

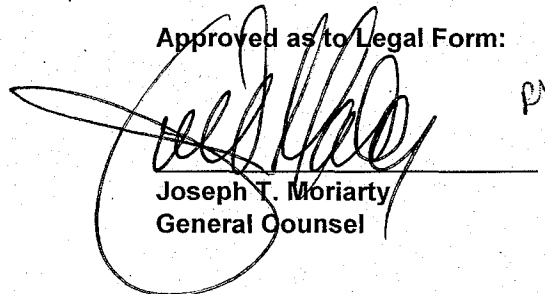
**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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