

September 22, 2021

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS
CORNELIUS EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approves the establishment and opening of a new early childhood center to be known as Cornelius Early Learning Center.

A formal school name shall be assigned by the Board in accordance with the procedures identified for the naming of new schools in the Board's Policy on Naming and Renaming Schools (Board Report 03-0326-PO04).

A virtual community meeting was held on July 13, 2021.

DESCRIPTION: In the fall of 2022, Cornelius Early Learning Center will open at 5252 N. Long Avenue. This center will provide a pre-k program serving approximately 280 preschool students.

ENROLLMENT: The Cornelius Early Learning Center shall enroll its students citywide based on the established selection requirements for all CPS Early Learning Centers, as outlined by the Office of Early Childhood Education.

GOVERNANCE: Initially, Cornelius Early Learning Center will establish a transitional advisory. In following years, an ALSC will be appointed.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Cornelius Early Learning Center 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 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

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