

APPROVE THE RESTRUCTURING AND RENAMING OF THE CURRENT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the restructuring and renaming of the current Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School located at 4445 S. Drexel Boulevard and the establishment of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Selective Enrollment High School.

DESCRIPTION:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School (the current King High School) located at 4445 S. Drexel Boulevard shall be dissolved and restructured as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Selective Enrollment High School (the new King Selective Enrollment High School). The current King High School, which has not enrolled a new 9th grade since the fall of 1998, pursuant to Board Report 99-0623-EX2, contains only a 12th grade class in the current school year.

Enrollment

The new King Selective Enrollment High School shall enroll students citywide by application. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants shall be selected by lottery.

Curriculum

The new King Selective Enrollment High School will offer a 4-year progressive curriculum in honors and advanced placement classes in English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language and the arts. The school's focus will be upon educational opportunities beyond high school via an accelerated, rigorous curriculum, which integrates technology as a tool that facilitates learning. The accelerated classes and enrollment will offer students opportunities to develop and refine their potential talent and skills. Global strategies and collaborations with students, teachers, and college personnel, along with internship opportunities, enable students to develop the critical thinking skills and knowledge for educational advancement. The criteria for teacher selection at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Selective Enrollment High School shall reflect the structure and content of the restructured curriculum.

Name

The facility located at 4445 S. Drexel Boulevard previously known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School shall hereby be named Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Selective Enrollment High School.

LSC REVIEW:

The terms of current local school council members shall expire upon the dissolution of the current King High School on June 25, 2002. There will be no local school council elections for the current King High School. Local school council elections for the new King Selective Enrollment High School shall be held in 2004.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

Approved for Consideration:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

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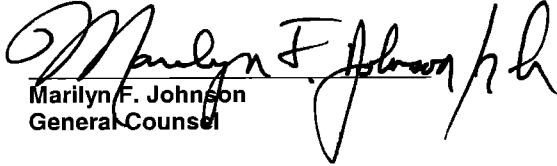

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General Counsel