

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WORLD LANGUAGE HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

That the Board approve the establishment of the World Language High School at the Little Village Campus.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Board Policy 04-0922-PO4 (Establish Renaissance Schools), the Chief Executive Officer recommends to the Board that, upon the timely submission of a Performance Plan within ninety days following approval of this Board Report, the World Language High School open in the fall of 2005 at the new Little Village Campus located at 3120 South Kostner Avenue as a Performance School. If no Performance Plan is submitted, the Chief Executive Officer recommends that the World Language High School open pursuant to Board Policy 02-0424-PO03 (Adopt Small Schools).

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the opening of the World Language High School was held on Wednesday February 16, 2005 in accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree. The hearing was transcribed. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Enrollment

Students at the World Language High School will come from both the South and North Lawndale communities. The World Language High School will accept 100 students in the 2005-06 school year in grade 9, and will add one grade per year thereafter until the school reaches a 9 – 12 structure. Each grade after freshman year will enroll 84 students, with no more than 352 students total in grades 9 - 12. Thereafter, Little Village Campus boundaries will be regularly reviewed to effectuate these enrollment requirements.

Curriculum

The World Language High School will be a small high school focusing on students' understanding of world cultures. The School will have a college preparatory curriculum, which will be accompanied by an intensive study of world languages, and career preparatory opportunities. Students will be presented with post-secondary opportunities through activities such as job-shadowing, internships, the College Bridge and College Excel programs, and the support of community organizations. The school has established external partnerships with a variety of neighborhood institutions in specific areas. The Little Village Community Development Corporation will act as a comprehensive partner. The school has also established partnerships with the Alivio Medical Center and CS&C Julex.

Governance

A governing body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to the guidelines and procedures laid out in Board Policy 04-0922-PO4 (Establish Renaissance Schools) or Board Report 02-0424-PO03 (Adopt Small Schools Policy) and pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.


LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

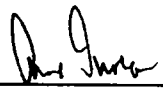
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



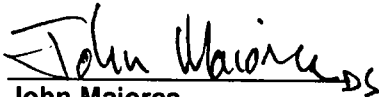
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